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SHANGHAI'S AIR EXIT CUT

Whangpoo Now Closed To All Commercial Shipping

Explosions Rock City Area

Shanghai, May 21.

Communist attacks closed the last sea and air exits out of Shanghai today while heavy explosions from eight shells or aerial bombs blasted the city's Northern suburbs.

The Shanghai Garrison Headquarters closed the Whangpoo River to all commercial shipping, leaving only military craft running on the 16-mile stretch from downtown Shanghai to the Yangtse.

All plane services from Lunghwa airport, three miles South of the city limits, were cut off when Communist shells hit near the field and machine-gun fire was heard close at hand.

The two Chinese airlines still using the field up to yesterday, the Chinese National Aviation Corporation and the Central Air Transport Corporation, said no more of their planes would take off from the field.

One report said two or three other planes still remained at the field waiting to evacuate a number of high personages.

The exact nature of the explosions which rocked houses in the Yangtsepoo district, eight miles North of downtown Shanghai, was veiled by martial law which proscribes death for spreading information that will excite the populace. The only information that could be obtained was that the explosions were heard and houses were shaken. Whether the explosions were caused by Nationalists or Communists was not known.

One shell penetrated the roof of a private home half a mile from the river and exploded. Apparently it was of a small calibre and no one was hurt.

Oil Tank Hit

Another shell hit a tank of the Standard Vacuum Oil Company near Yangtsepoo setting it afire. The tank burned for several hours sending out thick clouds of smoke. An official of the company said the shell came from the West side of the river where Nationalist defence points are situated.

From downtown Shanghai the roar of artillery could be heard across the river and several fires could be seen raging only a few miles beyond the river bank.

The same restrictive measures veiled until today the fact that Communist guns lobbed four shells across the Whangpoo into the old French concession in Southern Shanghai two nights ago. The crater from one of the shells was observed in a private garden in the luxurious residential district. The other three shells left various signs elsewhere. There appeared to be no major damage and no casualties.

Other reports said two or three shells also landed just inside the Northern city limits during the past two days but this could not be confirmed. Whether the shelling of Shanghai was intentional or merely misdirected gunfire it was impossible to say.

Fighting At Tungkow

The closest fighting to Shanghai was reported in the Tungkow area two miles East of the Whangpoo at a point directly opposite the Yangtsepoo district. Tungkow had been the focal point of the Communist drive for the Whangpoo for the past two days.

The Nationalist communique said advance units of government forces were staging a counter attack against the Communists and have reached points just South of Tungkow. The direction of the government attack was not revealed.

Earlier Communist troops in a flotilla of 20 boats attempted to storm the Whangpoo River and invade Northern Shanghai at 2 a.m. today but were repulsed by government artillery on the West bank.

The official communique describing the attack said many boats capsized under artillery fire and the occupants drowned. The exact point of the invasion attempt was not mentioned by the communique but it was believed to have been in the Yangtsepoo area eight miles North of downtown Shanghai.

Along The Bund

Nationalist forces immediately began mounting heavier guns in the Yangtsepoo district. It was believed the Communists who reached the river bank yesterday after a wide wheeling motion South of Shanghai selected this spot for the first direct attack upon the city.

The entire stretch of the Bund, Shanghai's main thoroughfare which runs alongside the Whangpoo, remained closed to anything but military movement for its full nine-mile length North to Point Island. The only civilian traffic permitted on the Bund was streetcars which pass through without stopping. All other traffic was military including Nationalist troops units setting up defences against a possible Communist attack from the opposite river bank half a mile away.

The Whangpoo was closed to commercial traffic when Nationalist warships entered the river from the Yangtse to blast Communist forces attacking from the East. One group of naval units on the Whangpoo was reported to be shelling Communist troops South of Knochias, popular beach resort on the Yangtse about 12 miles North East of Shanghai. Other ships on the Yangtse joined in catching the Communists in a crossfire.

Fighting was reported to have died down around the Woosung Forts with the Communists apparently throwing all their energy into the attack against Shanghai from the East.—United Press.

Reds Take Sian

San Francisco, May 21.

The Chinese Communist Radio today announced the occupation of Sian, largest city in North West China.

The broadcast said the capital of Shensi province, with a population of half a million, fell to Red forces yesterday.—United Press.

Reds March On Swatow

Canton, May 21.

About 6,000 Communist guerillas and mutinous Provincial troops are advancing towards Swatow, Chinese seaport 160 miles North East of Hong Kong.

The Swatow Garrison Commander asked for reinforcements, which are being rushed from two directions.

A report said the 13. the Provincial Regiment mutinied to synchronise with the Communist sweep through Fukien province, although a military spokesman here said yesterday in a news conference that the Red regulars are not yet ready to invade South China at the moment.—Associated Press.

Families To Move

York, May 21.

Nineteen families of men of the 1st Battalion, the Royal Leicestershire Regiment, which left last week for Hong Kong, have been asked to vacate married quarters in barracks near Leicester to make room for the families of soldiers stationed there.

An announcement from the Northern Command Headquarters here last night said that the Royal Leicestershire men's families would be given up to July 15 to find new homes.

Cases of hardship will be "treated strictly on their merits," the announcement said. The Command Public Relations Officer said many married soldiers were now separated from their families because there were no married quarters available—Reuter.

THE WEATHER

At 0600 GMT (5 p.m. HKST) a belt of high pressure extends across N China to the sea of Japan. Another belt of high pressure extends from the Pacific anticyclone W. to the China Sea. Between these two high pressure areas a weak trough of low pressure stretches from Tonking across S China and the Pacific S of Japan to a depression E of Hokkaido.

Today's Forecast:—Light or moderate S or SW winds. Fair.

Yesterday's Weather:—

Maximum: 86.6 deg. Fah.

Minimum: 74.9 deg. Fah.

Sunshine: 7.9 hours.

Rainfall: Nil. Total since Jan. 1—316.2 mm.=12.46 ins. as against an average of 478.0 mm.=18.82 ins.

Readings at	10 a.m.	4 p.m.
Baro. at m.s.l.	1009.8	1006.4 m.b.
Equals	29.80	29.73 inches
Rel. Humidity	78	72 %
Dew Point	76	75 deg. F.
Wind Direction	SW	SW
Wind Force	14	11 knots

Tides:—	Time	Ht.
High	0811	5.0
"	1816	5.0
Low	1201	1.0

FORMER GREEK PREMIER DEAD

Athens, May 20.

Archbishop Dimitrios Papendreou Damaskinos, former Greek Prime Minister, died of a heart attack today.—United Press.

Wheels Up For Take-Off

Gloria Nord, of the American Skating Vanities Troops, does a graceful leap on roller-skates during rehearsal for a programme in the Palais des Sports in Paris. AP Photo.

Nationalist Soldiers In Hong Kong

Remnants of the Communist-routed 96th Army, who forced their way into the ss. Wingsang while she was at Foochow on an emergency evacuation mission, arrived here yesterday to find a posse of Hong Kong Police waiting for them at the West Point Wharf.

Several small arms and ammunition were discovered among their meagre possessions. Under Police supervision, about 30 of them, mostly privates with a sprinkling of staff officers, were taken ashore. Ten soldiers paid for their passage and disembarked on their own.

It is understood that the group will be sent to Canton.

The British steamer brought 420 Chinese and 21 foreign evacuees from the Fukien capital. About 100 missionaries are remaining in the Colony to continue their work and studies until they could safely return to their respective posts in Fukien.

The ss. Wingsang left Keelung for Shanghai last week when she received a cable from Jardine, Matheson, to call at Foochow instead.

At Night

She arrived there on May 18 and was the only foreign ship in port then. In the wake of the embarkation of ordinary passengers, the soldiers clambered into the ship from sampans at night despite efforts by the ship's personnel to stop them.

"The soldiers threatened to assault us. We were afraid they might start shooting so we permitted them to get on board in the hope that we could collect their fares later on 'aboard,'" an officer said.

En route, some soldiers caused a lot of trouble and threatened those who attempted to prevent them from getting into the first-class deck.

Food was supplied to them, despite the fact that they did not pay a single cent for their passage.

The local agent was informed, who consequently requested Police aid to handle the disembarkation of the soldiers.

Information gathered here and there from the motley group indicated that they had served in several campaigns in Manchuria and Anhwei. When the 96th Army was defeated by the Reds, stragglers attempted by various means to get out of the army.

Poor treatment, sometimes no pay, and very low morale have caused deterioration in the strength of the Nationalist forces. Many men had deserted.

Most of them are Cantonese, who said that they intended to lead a farmer's life in the villages.

"Mess Boys"

Among the crowd were several young boys, who had followed their fathers serving as "mess boys".

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While Shanghai Burns

Latest picture from Shanghai received by the "China Mail" last night shows fires raging at Pootung, opposite Shanghai. More than 20 fires in villages and in the factory areas at Pootung were reported in foreign news agency messages.

WAR CLAIMS EXCEED HK CURRENT BUDGET NEARLY SIX TIMES

(Exclusive To "Sunday Herald")

Hong Kong Government would have to pay out at least HK$929,573,792—nearly six times the current year's budget—should it decide to meet the claims for war damage reparations, the "Sunday Herald" learned officially yesterday.

The colossal figure is based on claims filed by private individuals, commercial firms, shipping companies, and estate owners. It includes claims connected with damage to harbour works and public buildings.

The total amount of loss to Government through war damage was not available yesterday as the figure has not yet been finally computed.

The figures obtained by the "Sunday Herald" yesterday are included in a summary of the registration of Japanese reparations claims, based on the investigations of the Hong Kong War Damage claims Commission, and claims submitted up to July 31, 1947.

The £38,656,000, figure previously quoted by the Colonial Office, was reached by reducing the amounts claimed where it seemed apparent to the Commission that claims had been based on current prices or were obviously exaggerated, it was stated yesterday.

Amounts claimed in respect of money, securities, personal injuries and consequential loss were also excluded in accordance with the United Kingdom practice under the War Damage Act, 1943.

The position of war damaged claims remains as stated in Government's previous announcement on the subject. This statement said that in view of the fact that Hong Kong did not participate in a War Damage Insurance Scheme before the outbreak of the Pacific War, and of the fact that the rehabilitation of industry and commerce does not appear to have been hampered to any material extend by lack of financial resources, the Government of Hong Kong has recommended that no compensation from public funds should be paid for war damage.

Even were the United Kingdom in a position to pay part of the cost, the introduction of a compensation scheme would inflict an altogether crippling weight of taxation on the local community, it added.

"The "Sunday Herald" was officially told that while claims are being kept on record for consideration in connection with any reparations payment which may be recovered from Japan, the question of paying out such reparations will depend largely on the terms of the peace treaty and the matter will have to be further considered.

Details

Details of the war damage claims, made available to the "Sunday Herald" yesterday show war damage which resulted from Allied action amounts to HK$7[illegible] 822,702.

Trade and Commerce suffered most—a total of HK$437,130,4[illegible] (HK$424,601,141 from enemy action and HK$12,520,324 from Allied action). Personal effects amount to HK$52,209,011 (HK$48,400,715 from enemy action and HK$3,808,296 from enemy action).

Full details of the war damage claims obtained yesterday are below:

Trade and Commerce: HK$43[illegible] 130,465 (HK$424,601,141 from enemy action and HK$12,520,3[illegible] from Allied action).

Vessels (above 500 tons) HK$11,604,604 (HK$9,153,7[illegible] from enemy action and HK$[illegible] 680,860 from Allied action).

Vessels (under 500 tons) HK$19,941,291 (HK$10,197,[illegible] from enemy action and HK$9,044,290 from Allied action).

Harbour Works: HK$35,506,[illegible] (HK$22,320,382 from enemy action and HK$13,184,370 from Allied action).

Transportation: HK$8,928,[illegible] (HK$8,864,424 from enemy action and HK$63,052 from Allied action).

Agriculture: HK$15,577,[illegible] (HK$15,559,854 from enemy action and HK$13,184,370 from Allied action).

Public Buildings: HK$14,625,[illegible] (HK$13,156,370 from enemy action and HK$1,469,104 from Allied action).

Personal Effects: HK$52,209,0[illegible] (HK$48,400,715 from enemy action and HK$3,808,296 from Allied action).

Gold, Banknotes, etc.: HK$5[illegible] 885,408 (HK$52,408,831 from enemy action and HK$3,476,[illegible] from Allied action).

Miscellaneous Buildings: HK$55,885,408 (HK$54,935,[illegible] from enemy action and HK$1[illegible] 584,550 from Allied action).

Other Items: HK$123,988,[illegible] (HK$111,585,001 from enemy action and HK$12,003,105 from Allied action).

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Rabies On Mainland

The Police repeated their warning yesterday to dog owners to have their animals muzzled in view of the outbreak of rabies on the Mainland.

An official statement, referring to the four rabid dogs caught at Kowloon City recently, said that the presence of rabies among dogs to this extent represents a very serious menace to the Community.

Drastic action is being taken by the Police to round up all stray dogs. If necessary the dogs may be shot.

Owners of dogs should, in their own interest and in that of the community, make sure that their dogs do not leave the house except under close supervision.

Any dog found outside the owners' premises runs a very definite and not inconsiderable risk of getting rabies, added the statement.

Big Three Conference In Paris

Paris, May 21.

The American, British and French Foreign Ministers will meet today to co-ordinate their policies on Germany before next week's Big Four conference.

The three Western Ministers—Secretary of State Dean Acheson and the British and French Foreign Ministers, Ernest Bevin and Robert Schuman—will have before them a detailed plan for German policy drafted by their chief deputies this week.

The deputies recommendations are secret and probably will remain so until after the Big Four conference starts. Well-informed officials predict that the Ministers will approve it quickly. It was worked out under guidance of the Minister themselves.

French sources said the report embraces a project for a provisional, semi-unified German regime, which would maintain some liaison between a newly formed West German state and a regime in process of formation in the Soviet occupation zone.

The plan is also said to contain provisions for exchanging West marks and Soviet zone currency.

The Western powers are expected to urge extension of the West German constitution to all of Germany.

The Foreign Ministers conference will open on Monday afternoon at an hour depending upon the arrival of Russia's Foreign Minister Vyshinsky.—Associated Press.

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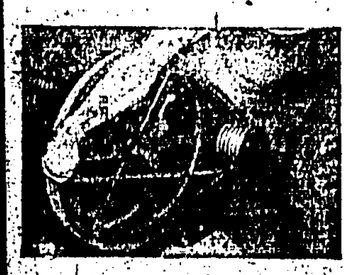

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Government Reform

Sir,—For the information of Mr. Ma Man-fai, I have not "nailed my flag to the mast" because I feel that those who are allegedly striving for the betterment of conditions in this Colony are not representative of the people who suffer most from the evils which exist in our midst.

There can be no denying the fact that the majority of people in this Colony, particularly the so-called community leaders, are governed in their actions by self-interest.

I have had ample opportunity of judging the majority of those who are now engaged in the agitation for reform as they go about their daily tasks and would say, without hesitation, that they are not capable of ameliorating the hardships of the masses, or eliminating the many shortcomings which exist.

Unquestionably reform is overdue, but unless and until we have men and women who know the true meaning of service and realise their responsibilities to the community as a whole, it is better that we continue under our present system of government.

In the meantime, the efforts of those who hope for a better state of affairs should be directed towards educating the younger generation as to their civic duties and responsibilities, so that when the time comes, they will be able to achieve, with greater prospects of success, that which is not possible today.

SIMPLE SIMON.

KUHN-GEIB WEDDING

The wedding of Miss Christine Yvonne Kuhn to Mr. R. Geib, jr. took place at St. John's Cathedral yesterday. The Rev. G. N. Stevenson officiated.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. K. Kuhn and the bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. R. Geib.

Mr. L.M. Johnson was the bestman and Mrs. R.M. Carey acted as Matron of Honour. The bride was given away by Mr. J.E. Peters.

A reception was later held at No. 552 Mount Cameron Road, The Peak, the residence of Mr. and Mrs. J.E. Peters.

MARINE FISH CONFISCATED

A total of 263 catties of marine fish was ordered by Mr. Hin-shing Lo, at Central yesterday to be confiscated for charity.

Of the 263 catties, 206 belong to Cheung Tam-shing, lorry driver, who was charged with illegal conveying of marine fish at Pokfulam Road on May 20. He was fined $10.

The rest of the fish belonged to Cheung Yu-chui, aged 27, lorry driver, who was on the same charge with Cheung Tam-shing. On his lorry were another 62 catties of fish which were ordered to be sold. The proceeds will go to the owner.

A $75 fine was imposed.

CATC, CNAC Cancel Trips To Shanghai

A CATC plane was commandeered by five Nationalist Security officers at Lunghwa Airfield in Shanghai at 4 a.m. yesterday. The pilot who was ordered to set for Hong Kong, brought the plane down at Kai Tak at 9.43 the same morning. It was the only CATC aircraft to take off from Shanghai yesterday.

A CNAC plane left Lungwha at 2 a.m. yesterday with six passengers. It landed here four and a half hours later after having made a forced landing at 3 a.m. at Swatow, either due to slight engine trouble or for refuelling.

All CATC and CNAC flights from Hong Kong to Shanghai were cancelled at about 11 a.m. yesterday.

Mr. A. J. R. Moss, Director of Civil Aviation, stated that the last message received from Lungwha airfield in Shanghai was at that hour. After that, all radio communications with that airfield ceased.

A wife of an American CAT pilot told the "China Mail" that an aircraft took off for Shanghai from White Cloud Airfield in Canton at 9 a.m. yesterday but returned as it could not land at Lungwha.

Many Britons Returning To Tientsin

Many British nationals, mostly old residents of Tientsin who left for other parts before the Reds took over, returned to the Northern port city by the ss. Pak Hoi yesterday, according to the vernacular Sing Tao Evening Post.

Most of them came down from Tientsin and other North China cities a few months ago.

One Briton said that he had received letters from the North saying that cost of living in Tietsin was low and that the Communists were optimistic about the future of Tientsin, as a trading port.

All the North-bound passengers had to get permits to land in the North port.

Siamese Consul Leaving Colony

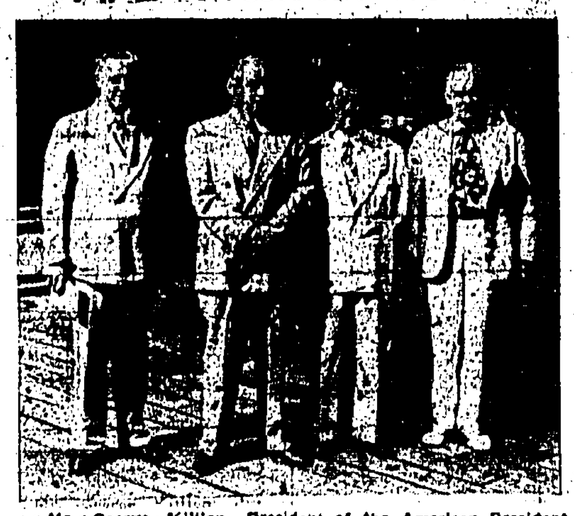
Mr. Sompong Bunnag, the Siamese Consul-General and concurrently Siamese Government Trade Commissioner at Hong Kong, will leave the Colony soon.

Mr. Bunnag came to the Colony in 1940 in the capacity of Siamese Government Trade Commissioner for Hong Kong, Macao and South China.

In 1947 he was recalled to the Siamese Foreign Office and appointed Acting Consul-General. Since then he has been holding his two concurrent posts.

Mr. Bunnag has spent a number of years in Europe mostly in France where he obtained his degrees and qualifications. He served his country in Manchuria and Japan during the last world war. He has been very popular here with his colleagues of the Consular Body and has made many friends in the Colony, European as well as Chinese.

APL President Here



Mr. George Killion, President of the American President Line, who arrived here yesterday by the ss. President Cleveland on an Orient inspection tour, is seen (second from left) with Mr. T. B. Wilson, APL Hong Kong manager, Mr. F. Booth, Assistant Hong Kong manager, and Mr. George K. Bowden (extreme right), APL Counsel at Chicago and Washington, accompanying Mr. Killion on the tour. ("China Mail" Photo).

APL CHIEF IMPRESSED BY HK HARBOUR

Mr. George Killion, President of the American President Line, arrived here yesterday from Manila by the ss. President Cleveland on an inspection tour of the Orient.

The distinguished American visitor called on the Governor at Government House shortly after disembarking at Kowloon Wharf, where he was welcomed by the APL Hong Kong staff, headed by Mr. T. B. Wilson, Hong Kong Manager.

Sir Alexander will return the call tomorrow at the Hong Kong Hotel, where Mr. Killion will be guest of honour at luncheon given by Mr. Wilson.

In the company of the APL head aboard the liner were Mrs. Killion, who is making a round-trip cruise, Mr. Willard T. Goodwin, Orient Vice-President, who flew from here last week to greet Mr. Killion at Manila, Mr. George K. Bowden, APL Counsel, accompanying the executive on the Orient tour, Mrs. Bowden, who accompanies Mrs. Killion on the cruise, and Mr. C. W. Gabrielson, Orient Assistant Vice-President, returning from America.

Mr. Killion, who is seeing the Colony for the first time, will meet local businessmen and shippers during his brief sojourn, and will study the conditions relative to the extensive expansion programme of the APL set-up.

He will fly to Yokohama on Wednesday with Mr. Bowden.

Exciting Trip

"The environs around the entrance to the local Harbour are very impressive. This is one of the nicest spots I have ever seen," Mr. Killion told the Press. "I have even heard many people, admiring the scenery on the deck, saying that this is their most exciting trip," he added.

The Orient has a definite fascination and allure, he said.

"Our aim is to inform the people of the United States more about the East to encourage them to come out and tour the place," the genial American executive declared.

For this purpose, Mr. John M. Diggs, "the No. 1 Passenger man of the Cunard White Star Line," has been appointed Vice-President of the APL Passenger Department to devise ways and means to boost Orient operations.

The APL is expanding its facilities and the target has been set for 10 luxury passenger liners to serve its round-the-world and trans-Pacific routes. At present, five de luxe President ships are in operation.

Future Bright

"The Hong Kong operation has always been on the upper grade and the future is bright," Mr. Killion asserted.

"We are optimistic that we will carry out our programme successfully and maintain our service," he added.

Mr. Killion had a brief meeting with General MacArthur at Yokohama, when the President Cleveland called there after Honolulu.

"SCAP has provided facilities for tourists who can disembark and spend 16 days in Japan until the return of their vessel, which will make a circuit calling at Manila, Hong Kong, Shanghai and back to Yokohama, he declared. This has provided one incentive to bring tourists from the United States.

Asked whether his Far East tour has any connection with the present China situation, Mr. Killion said he had planned this trip shortly after he was elected President. He intended to leave some time in January, last year, but pressure of work had delayed his departure.

At Manila, Mr. Killion conferred with Filipino businessmen and Government officials. He visited the Malacanan Palace to see President Elpidio Quirino.

Yesterday afternoon saw Mr. Killion and local APL personnel at the Races.

The executive will be entertained at dinner at the Kam Ling Restaurant tonight, where foreign and Chinese business circles will meet him.

Compulsory Third Party Insurance

An Ordinance on compulsory Third Party Insurance to safeguard car-owners as well as pedestrians is being prepared by the authorities concerned, according to the annual report of the Kowloon Residents Association.

The report will be presented at the Association's annual general meeting of members on Wednesday.

The Ordinance is being drafted as a result of representations by the Association to Government on the need of compulsory Third Party Insurance.

The Hong Kong Automobile Association has been consulted on the matter.

Referring to children's playgrounds, the annual report states that a certain amount of work has been done, but it is felt that in the interests of the children a great deal more must be done before the position is satisfactory.

The report raised the question on the usage by adults of sanitary facilities provided for children. This, it added, is an extremely dangerous practice from the point of view of the children's health.

The Association has, however, been assured by Government that the matter is receiving attention.

The subjects dealt with by the Association during last year included excess advertising hoardings, squatter sites, obstructions in halls and stairways of dwelling houses, requisitioning of vacant premises, traffic and street lighting, hawkers, bathing-sheds, children's playgrounds and constitutional reform.

At this month's monthly meeting of the Association, the congestion of the ferry services between the Mainland and the Island was discussed.

The Association having been given to understand that there can be no improvement in piers or services until the questions of pier leases and the franchise are settled, it has taken the matter up with Government asking for urgent action in view of the great importance of this question to that large section of the Kowloon community which commutes to Hong Kong daily.

Naval Aid Fund

Latest contributions to the Hong Kong Naval Aid Fund follow:

	HK$
Previously acknowledged	401,370.03
Welfare Fund H. M. S. London	800.00
H. M. S. London	1,344.30
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The Mercantile Bank of India Ltd.	5,000.00
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Money Market

The spurt in US dollars continued yesterday. The peak rate touched was HK$7.63, but at the close it eased off to $7.35.

A block of US$100,000, offered by a buyer on the exchange, was snapped up in less than five minutes by more than 40 anxious buyers.

TT opened at HK$7.30, but after climbing to $7.33 it eased off to $7.15.

Sterling yesterday was marked up to HK$17.20, but Australian pounds were unchanged at HK$14.

Piastres, unchecked in their upgrade, yesterday reached HK$15.10 a 100.

Tientsins were unchanged at HK$27, a 100; and NEI Guilders, after opening at HK$40.50 a 100, remained stationary.

Personalia

The appointment of Mr. John Fearns Nicoll, Hong Kong's new Colonial Secretary, was published in the Government Gazette yesterday.

Mr. B. C. K. Hawkins has ceased to act as Colonial Secretary since Friday.

Departures from the Peninsula Hotel on Friday included Mr. and Mrs. J. Gaudin, Mr. and Mrs. D. Hwang, Captain and Mrs. W. L. Bolton, Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Gray, Messrs. N. J. Bourne, G. Herlunt, R. Grob, F. J. Barreto, J. Becker, C. Drummond, W. D. Gaddie and I. Day.

Among the new arrivals at the Peninsula Hotel on Friday were Mr. and Mrs. R. K. P. Simpson, Mr. and Mrs. B. Rosenbaum, Messrs. C. G. Marques, D. K. Harris, B. B. Hamer, C. Schaffner, C. F. Pearson, C. E. Rhodes, F. W. Hamilton, D. G. Ponte, G. S. Bamer, and C. L. Parks.

Mr. G. S. P. Heywood, Director of the Royal Observatory, will address the Y's Men's Club of Hong Kong on Thursday at the Club's luncheon at the Roof Garden, Hong Kong Hotel. His subject will be "Weather."

Departures for Bangkok and Singapore by CPA yesterday included Messrs. Koh Lak-tiang, Tan It-hai and Mrs. Nink Jiat-yueng.

Messrs. T. Y. Lee, Vasco M. Barros Harold O. Ness and Alberto Cruz arrived in the Colony yesterday by CPA from Manila.

The Reverend Mr. Thaninayagam, Messrs. D. Dinnage, M. Morris and Miss Martine left the Colony yesterday by BOAC for Yokohama.

Arrivals from Canton by the ss. Wusueh yesterday included Mr. G. C. Biddle, Mr. F. Burton, Mr. J. K. Cochran, Mr. A. P. De Boer, Mr. A. G. Lindquist, Miss H. J. Sawyer, Mr. Ole Thime, Mr. P. M. Vinud and Mr. H. Y. Vinud.

REGISTRATIONS FOR HKDF

Registrations for the Hong Kong Defence Force totalled 2,253 yesterday.

The number includes 223 former members of the Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps.

The Chinese community make up about 60 per cent of the registrations.

Defence Force officials said they would like to see more enrolments from other sections of the community.

A break-up of the figure shows that the Naval Force has 267; Regiment, 880; Air Force, 228; Home Guard, 110; Essential Services, 607; and Women's Services, 147.

Only 90 of those registerd have been attested. They have been assigned into their respective groups and will begin their first actual weapon training on Monday at 5 p.m. Training will continue throughout the week to Friday.

A further batch of 100 registered applicants is expected to be attested and assigned to the training groups during the week.

In spite of requests for details of the Special Constabulary, the only information obtained was that the total enlistment figure is 943.

When interviewed yesterday, Mr. Holmes, of the Colonial Secretariat, said that he was not in a position to give any other information beyond the enlistment figure.

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Explosions In Canton

Canton, May 21.

A two-hour series of explosions from two dumps filled mostly with artillery ammunition rocked Shekpai, Canton Eastern suburb, this morning.

The explosion occurred in an ammunition storage area but was prevented from spreading to the other 10 dumps in the depot.

No estimate of casualties could be obtained but officials said few people lived nearby. The cause of the explosion was still undetermined late this afternoon.—United Press.

Nationalist Soldiers In H.K.

(Continued from Page 1)

Still clad in their soiled uniform, some with blankets strapped behind their backs and carrying umbrellas, the soldiers were screened by the local Police aboard the ship before they were permitted to leave.

Disembarking here yesterday were Catholic missionaries who have left their posts scattered in various towns in Fukien in the face of the Communist military drive.

"Archbishop Labrador is still at Foochow with several priests to look after the mission," a Spanish nun said. She has been working in Fukien for the past 15 years.

The sisters and students will resume their studies here in the meantime. When the situation in China becomes peaceful and safe enough for them, the missionaries will return.

Foochow has become the centre of mission operation in that province recently. Priests and sisters from interior posts have flocked into the provincial capital for the past few weeks.

A German priest who had been in China for 22 years declared that the Chinese Communists were whimsical in their attitude towards the missionaries.

Some commandants left them alone, others interfered with the missions.

"Communism in China will die out by itself he asserted.

WAR CLAIMS

(Continued from Page 1)

Under - Maintenance: HK$24,-159,356 (enemy action).

Total: HK$875,573,792 (HK$803,-751,090 from enemy action and HK$71,822,702 from Allied action).

In addition, the Reparations Claims Office has on record shipping claims registered by the Harbour Master amounting to HK$21,000,000 and claims registered in London amounting to HK$33,000,000.

Expenses

To gather the information on war damage claims, Government spent HK$80,000 on salaries, advertising, printing and office expenditure. The work has now been taken over by the appropriate departments as part of their normal duties.

In accordance with its policy of giving practical assistance to Hong Kong following the war, the United Kingdom Government agreed not to seek any contribution from Hong Kong Government towards the cost of the Military Administration.

It also treated as free grants, the advances made before and following the establishment of the civil government here amounting to £3,250,000; and agreed to give a further grant of £1,000,000 to assist the Colony in resolving problems arising out of expenditure connected with the war.

As a further expression of its willingness to assist, the United Kingdom Government said it was prepared to make free interest loans to the Colony up to a maximum of £3,000,000. It also made a free grant of £250,000 to the Hong Kong University.

WESTERN BERLIN RAILWAY STRIKE

Berlin, May 21.

Western Berlin railway strikers attacked General Kvashnin, Soviet transport chief, when he arrived to inspect the railway installations in the American sector during today's "battle of the trains."

West sector police rescued the general from what they described as "a frenzied mob" and escorted him to the Soviet sector boundary in his car.—Reuter.

New Utility Items

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Youth Gets 10 Strokes Of Cane

How a 14-year-old juvenile stole a suitcase from his uncle and then handed it over to a man was related to Mr. W. N. Thomas Tam at Central yesterday.

The juvenile and Leung Kiu, aged 44, were charged with stealing a suitcase containing clothing, two gold rings and two gold bangles from Tse Chik on May 18 at No. 378 Queen's Road West.

According to the prosecution the complainant, Tse Chik, was the uncle of the juvenile. The juvenile took the suitcase out of the house and while in the street met second defendant. The juvenile asked second defendant to help him in pawning the articles.

Second defendant took the juvenile to a pawnshop in Queen's Road West but the shop had already closed.

Second defendant wrapped the gold in a piece of paper and handed it over to the juvenile, at the same time telling him not to open it as someone might snatch it away from him.

Having no place to sleep, the juvenile went to the roof of a house to sleep. Opened the parcel and found two rings missing.

Later that evening complainant made a report to the police and the juvenile was arrested. Second defendant was arrested on information given by the juvenile.

The juvenile was sentenced to 10 strokes of the cane and expulsion and second defendant to three months and recommended for banishment.

Eleven Face Gold Charges

Eight women and three men were charged at Kowloon yesterday with violation of importing and exporting regulations.

Chu Sze Man-yiu, woman, arrested at the Kowloon Railway Station on Friday, had four taels of gold confiscated and was fined $20.

Yoe Ai-kwan, woman, also arrested at the KCR station, had six taels of gold confiscated.

Chan Hing-chiu, woman from Shanghai, arrested at the Kai Tak Airport on Thursday, had three US$20 coins, four US$ coins and 11 gold lumps confiscated.

Tse Wai-man, woman, arrested at the Kai Tak airport had a gold bar confiscated.

Cheung Tse Piu-choy, woman, arrested at the KCR station had 11 gold sovereigns confiscated.

Lai Yui, woman, arrested at the KCR station, had three taels confiscated.

Five other persons including two women, who were flying from Shanghai to Canton and landed in the Colony due to bad weather, were also charged with importing gold without a permit.

All five persons were discharged by Mr. Blair-Kerr and their gold was ordered to be returned to them.

"A Gentleman," Says Magistrate

Mr. Hin-shing Lo, Magistrate at Central, yesterday called Leung Kwan, who was struck by Yuen On on the head, a gentleman when he declined to accept compensation.

The victim said: "He is my friend. I forgive him."

Charged with common assault defendant was fined $25.

According to the prosecution, on May 20, defendant was carrying two baskets of vegetables in On Tai Street where he was obstructed by complainant's bicycle.

A dispute started between them and defendant struck Leung on the head with an iron hook. He ran away.

Complainant chased him and arrested him at Des Voeux Road West.

In imposing the fine Mr. Hin-shing Lo called defendant "a bad man."

Murder Victim's Local Estate

Mr. Lytton Bevis Wood, who was the victim of a murderous attack by three men near Beacon Hill, Shatin, New Territories, on February 11, 1946, left local estate sworn under $69,800.

An application for resealing certified copy grant of Probate of will has been granted to Mr. C. D. Slade for and on behalf of the Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank (Trustee) Limited.

Mr. Wood of, 70A Gloucester Road, Hampton, Middlesex, England and formerly of Shameen, Canton, was walking along near Beacon Hill with a friend, George Ronald Ross, when they were attacked by a party of men. Mr. Wood was killed while Mr. Ross managed to make his way to Kowloon after being beaten up. Two men, Lee Kwai-shan and Chan Kui, were eventually arrested, tried, and hanged for the murder.

FOOD IN CONSIGNMENT

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Missionaries From Fukien

More than 100 Catholic missionaries and students evacuating from Foochow arrived here yesterday by the ss. Wingsang, which was diverted from Shanghai because of the deteriorating situation there. Luggage of the arrivals streamed from the British ship for hours to be transported by several trucks to various missions here in which they will stay for the time.—("China Mail" photo).

Lone American On Last Plane From Shanghai

What was probably the last plane from Shanghai touched down at Kai Tak at 4.30 yesterday afternoon with one sole passenger from that beleaguered metropolis,—the last man out—Mr. John Stutesman, the former American Vice-Consul in Shanghai.

The plane—a CNAC Skymaster—took off from Tokyo early yesterday morning Hong Kong bound with three passengers: two members of the Chinese Mission in Japan and an American.

It made a two-minute landing at the deserted Lunghwa Airfield Captain Byrnes the pilot said; long enough only to disembark the American from Tokyo, who was assuming Consular duty at Shanghai, and to take on Mr. Stutesman.

In an interview with the "China Mail," Mr. Stutesman said that all organisation at Lunghwa had ceased. "All civilian personnel have pulled out and radio control in the airfield is dead," he said.

There were, however, a few planes left in Lunghwa and these have been commandeered by the Shanghai Garrison Headquarters.

Mr. Stutesman who is on his way back to the United States stated that although his leave had been six month overdue, (he had been in Shanghai for two and a half years) it was only at 3 p.m. yesterday that he received his orders to leave Shanghai.

"Although I had heard that no plane were flying out, I took a chance at Lunghwa and I was lucky," he said.

Stopped By Police

On his way to the field he was stopped by the police who became suspicious when he told them that he was going home.

"They asked me to show my plane ticket and when I told them that I was getting it at the airport they allowed me to proceed. They probably expected to see me back their way," he said.

Mr. Stutesman stated that along his drive from the French Concession where he lived to Lunghwa, he saw no troops. "All the sandbag barricades were empty but there were many policemen about," he said.

Asked about the fighting in Shanghai, Mr. Stutesman said there was a great deal of small arm shooting all through Friday night.

The Standard Vacuum oil installations at the mouth of the Whangpoo River were on fire at the time Mr. Stutesman left. He thought, however, that only one tank was ablaze judging by the single column of smoke.

There were about 1,800 Americans left in the city under seige, Mr. Stutesman stated. "There is no fixed plan for protection. They have all been told to stay home so as not to get hurt," he added.

Asked if there was any last moment rush to leave Shanghai, the former Vice Consul said that he thought many Chinese would have liked to get on the plane. "But nobody knew about it."

Mr. Stutesman's home is in Mendham, ("just a small town," he says) New Jersey, "and I'm certainly glad to be on my way," he said.

Reminders

Today

Toc H Class classical concert, Talbot House, 50, Macdonnell Road, 8.30 p.m.

HK Art Club sketching party, members to assemble at Jordan Road Vehicular Ferry pier, 2.30 p.m.

Recital by All Saints Chinese Choir, St. Andrew's Church, 8.30 p.m.

Exhibition by Mr. Wu Au-fang, Hotel Cecil, 9.30 a.m.

Talk on "Some effects on the social Experiment in New Zealand" by Mr. Ramage, European YMCA, 8.45 p.m.

Hong Kong Indian Association, meeting at Sikh Temple, 4.30 p.m.

International Hockey. India vs. Portugual, Sookunpoo, 10.30 a.m.

Coming Events

TOMORROW

Indo-China Steamship Navigation, Co., Ltd., annual general meeting, Jardine's Board Room, 12 noon.

Lecture on Paitings, by the Rev. Fr. Ryan, PRO Lecture Room, 5.30 p.m.

Whist Drive, European YMCA, 8 p.m.

TUESDAY

Bridge Drive, European YMCA, 8 p.m.

HK Rotary Club luncheon, Talk on "Wings Over Hawaii" by Mr. J. O'Donnell, Roof Garden, HK Hotel, 12.30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

Toc H Club Meeting, Talbot House, 50, Macdonnell Road, 8.30 p.m.

Kowloon Residents' Association, annual general meeting.

THURSDAY

RAF Association luncheon, Jacobean Room, HK Hotel, 12.45 p.m.

Y's Men's Club of Hong Kong, luncheon at Roof Garden, HK Hotel, 12.30 p.m.

Union Church Ladies Guild meeting, Helena May Institute, 3 p.m.

CELEBRATION DINNER

The Chinese Amateur Athletic Association were hosts at a dinner held at the Kwong Chau Restaurant last night to celebrate the success of their 2nd XI in winning the Junior Division Soccer Championship.

A large number of European and Chinese guests attended the banquet.

DIAMOND RING FOUND

Whoever lost a diamond ring in Queen's Road, Central, about the end of August last year, may claim it from the Director of Criminal Intelligence, Police Headquarters.

Request For Eviction Order Refused

An application for an eviction order against L. C. Diespecker, a tenant of 51 Kimberley Road, was refused by Mr. W. H. Latimer, Tenancy Magistrate, in a written judgment yesterday.

The application was made by Sau Kon-chi, of 81 Robinson Road, against F. Tichopad and Diespecker, for the latter of whom judgment was awarded.

In the case of Tichopad, who was out of the Colony and who was not represented at the hearings, Mr. Latimer granted the application for his eviction.

The applicant the landlord of the premises in question, was represented by Mr. P.A.L. Vine, of Deacons. L.C. Diespecker was represented by Mr. M.A. da Silva.

The grounds for application were that on November 11, 1948, the first opponent, Tichopad, wrote to the landlord, saying that he proposed to leave the flat in the hands of his servant while he was away from the Colony for nine months from December 1, to which the landlord agreed.

The landlord received payment of $1,093.00, being an advance payment of rent and services for the said period.

Applicant claimed that the premises were not in the occupation of the second opponent, and that second opponent was not a "bona fide" servant of the first opponent.

The occupation of the premises, applicant claimed, or part thereof by the second opponent was a breach of the express undertaking contained in the letter of November 11, whereby Tichopad undertook that the premises would be cared for by his servant during his absence.

Eviction Order

Applicant therefore asked for an order for eviction against Tichopad and Diespecker in consequence of a breach of Section 18(d) and or Section 20 of the Landlord and Tenants Ordinance, 1947.

Diespecker's case was that by acceptance of the applicant of the sum of $1,093.00 from Tichopad, which represented the nine months' rent of the premises at $149.99 per month from December 1 to August 31, 1949, plus certain charges for rates, the applicant is estopped from denying the tenancy of the first opponent for the said period.

Diespecker also denied that his occupation of the premises was a breach of the undertaking alleged. He claimed he was the lawful tenant of the first tenant of the first opponent and had paid rent to him.

In giving his decision in writing yesterday, Mr. Latimer found that Tichopad, having received rent receipts monthly for some time, could not have been other than clear in his knowledge that he was not allowed to sublet without the written permission of the landlord.

In view of Tichopad's conduct, the Tenancy Magistrate said he had no difficulty in making an order to terminate his tenancy under Section 18(d).

This order against Tichopad, he ruled, did not entail an eviction order against the second opponent, Diespecker.

The application against him was therefore refused.

Lecture On Painting

The 20th Century has broken with most traditions, but with none more than the tradition of painting. Van Gogh at the end of the last Century was already experimenting with colours, but it was not until after the first World War that a wild and mysterious compositions began to shock and enthuse the public. Picasso and Matisse have received the greatest notoriety as public-annoyers. There are hosts of others; Rouault, Braques, Dufy, Sutherland, Colquhoun—England and France are full of them.

Whilst there is all this intellectual painting going on, there are still many artists like Augustus John, and John and Paul Nash who are painting with modern technique but whose composition and ideas are traditional. Examples of works by these and other English artists (in reproduction) will be on view in the Public Relations Office Lecture Room, Statue Square tomorrow at 5.30 p.m. when the Reverend Father Ryan lectures on modern art. He will show examples of French artists with the use of an epidiascope.

The lecture, which is under the auspices of the British Council is open to the public.

OPIUM SEIZED ON SHIP

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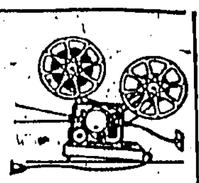

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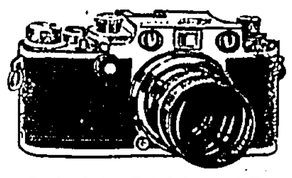

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In this weekly series of articles, one of the world's foremost experts in predicting the future gives his opinions on what you personally can expect in the weeks and months to come.

Look for your birth period below and fined the general indications for the week. Note that these observations are made according to the Zodiacal Signs and do not exactly coincide with the Calendar Month. For example, January covers December 21-January 19.

JANUARY
(December 21—January 19)
Some business difficulty cleared up to your great satisfaction on Tuesday. Better get your plans in shape for decisive move or business drive end of week. Go all out on new and profit-making though it may entail a clash with elders or leave some task half completed.

FEBRUARY
(JANUARY 20—February 18)
First few days of week may prove disappointing, particularly if you had hoped for decision in some personal matter. About mid-week speculative luck or successful conclusion to a long drawn-out scheme. End of week likely to bring a new interest or some speculative good fortune.

MARCH
(February 19—March 20)
Short journey probably essential first half of week or, alternatively, controversy arises over new deal or contract. Later in week a change-over in home affairs that should raise standard of family comfort and end some long-standing feud.

APRIL
(March 21—April 20)
Don't rush affairs this week; be content to wait till Thursday before you make decisive move, particularly in financial matters. Any business difficulties likely to be cleared up through the help of a prosperous friend and possibly through family backing. A crisis reached in some complicated personal link-up on Monday.

MAY
(April 21—May 20)
Emphatically a week for money-making and for future planning. Bold action about Thursday should solve at least one of your more immediate problems. Friday or Saturday may bring offer of a new job or some undertaking that should spell prosperity in near future.

JUNE
(May 21—June 20)
Try to keep out of trouble first half of week and don't plunge into quarrels that are not your own. After Thursday conditions easier and you get opportunities to assert yourself, score some personal success. Bold and original tactics pay on Saturday.

JULY
(June 21—July 20)
Though you may be conscious of intrigue among associates, keep your opinions to yourself for another week or so. But in any important matter rely solely upon your own judgment and don't expect clear advice or collaboration. Thursday likely to bring clash with someone who matters possibly speculative gains.

AUGUST
(July 21—August 21)
Quarrels, scandal and marked business progress throughout the week. Don't hesitate to go all out for what you want, cut clear through opposition on Tuesday and Thursday. Friday and Saturday should being unusually good entertainment, stirring news of a friend.

SEPTEMBER
(August 22—September 22)
Something happens end of week that entails a new outlook on current problems and a good deal of social and business activity. Success should come easily if you can adapt yourself to strange types or to foreigners and take a long view of events.

OCTOBER
(September 23—October 23)
Make an effort to clear up personal misunderstandings, find out exactly where you stand first half of week. Better leave jobs that matter, legal business, new schemes until Friday or Saturday. Some link-up likely with acquaintance from abroad or a foreign birth.

NOVEMBER
(October 24—November 22)
If you don't approve of family plans, say so in first half of week. Chance to get your own way, shape events as you would wish on Thursday. Later surprises and perhaps good fortune through relatives or in-laws.

DECEMBER
(November 23—December 20)
Important week if married: partner or his or her relatives stage a surprise end of week. If an employer, staff unheaval likely: if employed, face up to dictatorial attitude from fellow workers. Not a good week for speculation but routine business does well.

SUNDAY, MAY 22:
FOR MOST OF US: Disappointments probable this morning but rest of day likely to be propitious for most undertaking. Particularly good for outdoor life and social functions.
FOR LUCK TODAY WEAR OR USE: Wine red, 1, Diamond.

BIRTHDAY FORECAST:
If you can be patient during the first weeks of your birthday year, all will be well. 1949 should prove to be a propitious period in your life, although you may enter upon it with a sense of frustration and disappointment.....Between October and Christmas present problems are likely to reach a crisis and result in a break with some associate or perhaps with your job. This will be followed by beneficial changes which in turn will bring a short rise in income. You should end the year in more comfortable circumstances and with better prospects than you have at present.

It is a good year for travel and also for moving house. It will be fortunate, too, for embarking on any new scheme or reorganising your business or household. But before you can take advantage of good influences at work, you must get rid of trouble-makers in your circle.

Certain clashes seem inevitable but at the same time you will strengthen the most important of your existing ties. If an employer, trouble is likely with staff round about June but after that you will have a more settled period than you have had for some time. If employed, take care you don't join in controversies among fellow workers or be enveigled to underhand dealings.

It is a good year for getting married, though a happy marriage may be preceded by a broken love affair or friendship. If already settled look out for trouble among neighbours or brother and sisters: a break with one of these may be necessary before your affairs can settle down. But within the family all's well: Happiness and prosperity come together in the New Year.

MONDAY, MAY 23:
FOR MOST OF US: Gambler's luck for many this afternoon. For others good bargains and a pleasant time; but beware complicated financial deals or doubtful legal business. FOR LUCK TODAY WEAR OR USE: Pastel shades, 6, Turquoise.

BIRTHDAY FORECAST:
Although it will be difficult to see far ahead this year and you will be forced to make your plans for only a few weeks at a time, yet as you progress through 1949/50, you will realise that it is period of progress and good fortune. By the New Year of 1950 many of your immediate worries will have disappeared.

Income is due to increase some time after August and to reach a better level than it has done for some time in Januuly 1950. But you will still have worries connected with old debts or with some impecunious associate who is trying to involve you in a doubtful scheme.

It will be worth while keeping on the right side of employer or well-to-do friends. But throughout 1949/50 make sure of your associates before you do anything in partnership. Though you will find that most of your friends are trustworthy, there is definite danger of treachery or loss through an unworthy partner or close friend.

You will get a chance to travel both, in about October and again towards the end of the year. It would probably be wiser not to take long journeys, particularly if they entail going overseas. On the other hand, you would probably find it possible to take more short holidays than usual and to see a good deal of friends in other parts of the country.

It should be a happy year in spite of mischief-making associates. If thinking of marriage go ahead as quickly as you can and don't postpone the marriage later than Christmas or January. If married, it may be difficult to keep relatives out of your affairs, though any harm they may try to do will be offset by increased good fortune and happiness.

TUESDAY, MAY 24:
FOR MOST OF US: Good alike for new and old schemes. It should be possible to clear up long-standing problems, reconcile friends who have differed. Propitious for property deals. FOR LUCK TODAY WEAR OR USE: Navy blue, 8, Dark sapphire.

BIRTHDAY FORECAST:
Provided you are not in a hurry, all should go well this year. By the time Christmas and the New Year have passed, you should have found a solution to your most immediate problems. Also, you should have gained some concrete advantages that will make for future security.

It is a good year for dealing in any kind of property and particularly good for buying land. A change in the local situation or in your own prospects just before Christmas will probably make it easy for you to get a good bargain early in 1950.

A legacy is a possibility and, if you do not benefit in this way, then you will surely gain through long-standing investments or through family funds. An older woman in your circle takes a kindly interest in your affairs and would be a loyal backer if you need funds.

Although there is the likelihood of travel and of happiness while on a journey, yet this will be emphatically a year of "settling down". Towards your next birthday you make some arrangement that although it may tie you for eight or 16 years to come, will also ensure your future prosperity and comfort.

A long-standing family grievance is likely to be healed some time in 1949/50 and conflicting actions in your circle be reconciled. Such reconciliations would make a great difference to your own personal happiness and may open the way for easier times generally.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 25:
FOR MOST OF US: Somewhat adverse business day. Old debts may be demanded of you at short notice. Afternoon and evening propitious for entertainment and for travel. FOR LUCK TODAY WEAR OR USE: Sky blue, 6, Lapis lazuli.

BIRTHDAY FORECAST:
A little care about money early this year will save you many a headache later on. Unless you are on the alert you will find that you are spending more than you can afford and that family claims are unduly exacting. If you take the situation in hand early, you will probably do well throughout 1949/50.

Better cut down unnecessary expense right away, particularly where they are connected with old friends or relatives. Be ruthless too about impecunious acquaintances, who want to borrow money or involve you in some expensive scheme. It would be well, too, to keep clear of legal controversy this year.

On the other hand, there is every likelihood of happiness in new friendships and new interests this year. Though it would not be wise to take risks about money, you can safely take a few chances over people. A new woman friend, in particular, proves helpful and encouraging.

Don't risk money in speculation unless you want to get into trouble. Be careful, too, that you don't try to keep up with more prosperous friends and so spend more than you can easily afford. Although it will be an important year socially, yet it would not be worth while mortgaging your future for the sake of creating a good impression this year.

It would probably be a better year for married than for single people. If already settled, extra economy may be necesary but youngsters in the family do well and new friends add interest to life. If single, some long-proposed engagement may be temporarily held up but later in the year a new romance is likely to develop.

THURSDAY, MAY 26:
FOR MOST OF US: A good day for money making but not for speculation. Accident risk somewhat high this afternoon: be careful. FOR LUCK TODAY WEAR OR USE: Maroon, 3, Amethyst.

BIRTHDAY FORECAST:
Be careful what risks you run or what new schemes you inaugurate during 1949/50. You will tend to feel over-confident this year, probably take foolish hazards both in business and personal matters. Don't let ambition get the better of you during the early months of your birthday year.

If you must take risks, postpone them until April 1950. The last three months a cautious policy would be best.

Money worries should not plague you: whatever you do in 1949/50, it is not likely to affect your income closely. But avoid speculation and its consequent losses if you want to spend the year in comfort.

If a sports lover, there is distinction ahead, probably early in 1950. At the same time, you are in greater danger than usual of small mishaps and possibly of complaints that affect the throat and ear passages.

If single and heart-whole, you are not likely to remain so much longer. A swift engagement may be followed by marriage early in 1950. If already settled, you will find that men in the family are likely to be both troublesome and helpful in the twelve months to come.

FRIDAY MAY 27:
FOR MOST OF US: Better not attempt anything that matters until about noon. From then till evening, propitious conditions and chances of some money "luck". FOR LUCK TODAY WEAR OR USE: Orange, 1 Diamond.

BIRTHDAY FORECAST:
This coming year is likely to mark a turning point in your affairs and in your way of living. Between now and your next birthday developments are likely that coincide with a break with an uncongenial association or environment and the beginning of some new and more attractive enterprises.

So be patient and refrain from important moves during the next few weeks. Present problems are likely to solve themselves without much effort on your part. Something will probably happen that sets you free to strike out in an entirely new direction.

Remember that new schemes will bring money this year while half completed or long drawn-out ventures will entail loss. Some responsibility that you assumed seven or eight year ago will probably come to an end in the next 12 months.

Don't tie yourself down by buying a house or property or taking on too many commitments this year. If you are free to adapt yourself to the changing situation, possibly emergencies, then your good fortune will be all the more marked in 1949/50.

Relationships with older people may be difficult, particularly during the next few weeks but, in spite of troubles of this kind, this promises to be a happy year. The way will be clear to marriage if single or to a fuller and happier existence if already married.

SATURDAY, MAY 28:
FOR MOST OF US: A lively and interesting day for anybody with social interest and for the creative worker. If tied to routine, more distraction and amusement than usual. FOR LUCK TODAY WEAR OR USE: Lavender, 7, Opal.

BIRTHDAY FORECAST:
Provided that you are not too closely tied or have too hidebound an attitude to life, this will be a year of rapid mental and spiritual growth and of interesting adventures. Though you may not make much money in 1949/50, yet you will gain in other ways, find happiness and understanding.

Pleasant changes are due in the near future and again about October. These may involve travel or at any rate many changes in your environment. They should also bring happiness and new friends.

Though the next few months may be marked by more than one emergency or difficult situation, yet you will come through all successfully if you use your intuition and imagination. Quick wits and understanding of the other person's point of view will see you through any troubles that 1949/50 may bring.

If interested in one of the Arts, or you have some flair for the occult sciences, this will be a year to remember. It will be an inspirational period and, oddly enough, self-expression will probably be easier than it has ever been. Highly successful periods are likely in June, October and March. A new friendship, probably with someone of unusual personality or occupation, will make life happy and colourful in 1949/50. There will also be a great deal of satisfaction with young people and their progress and, if a family man or woman, a birth in your immediate circle.

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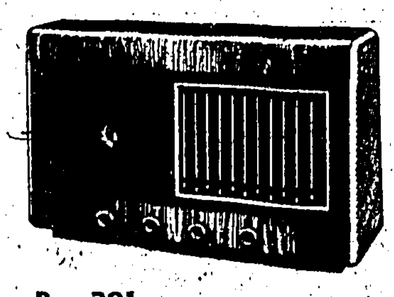

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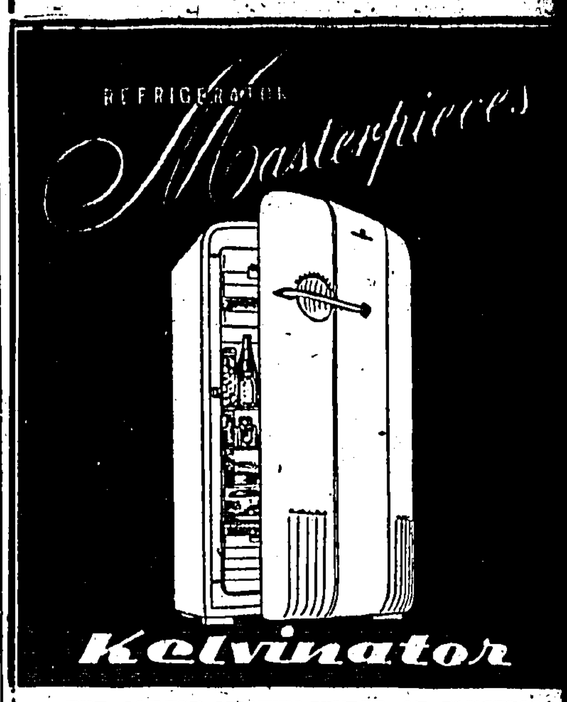

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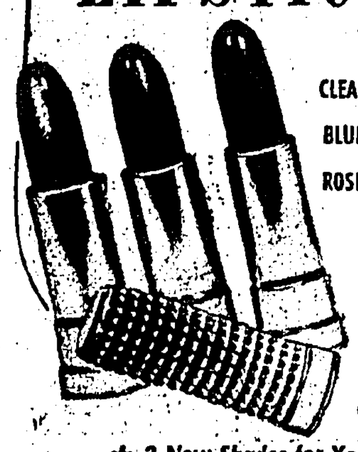

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GERMAN CONSTITUTION RATIFIED BY STATES

Frankfurt, May 21.

Western Germany last night ratified its new constitution uniting all Germany except the Russian zone in a Federal Republic which guarantees Democratic freedoms to all its citizens.

The vote of approval was overwhelming. Eight of the first nine states to vote said "yes" by large majorities.

That was enough to put the constitution into effect. There are 11 states in the new West Germany Republic, but ratification by only two-thirds is required.

Thus the Western Allies will go into next week's Foreign Ministers' conference able to present the Russians with a united self-governing West Germany.

That conference might produce Russian guarantees of similar freedoms for the Soviet zone, which will permit it to join in a Democratic union of all Germany.

Or it might prolong the East-West deadlock and leave the West German state to stand by itself while the Russians form a rival state in their zone.

The Constitution carefully keeps the door open to a reunion of West and East Germany. And the lawmakers voting for the Western constitution yesterday repeatedly emphasised that they were not voting for a permanent separation from East Germany.

Deciding Vote

Except in Bavaria—the only state to reject the constitution—the Communists were almost alone in opposing it.

The deciding vote was cast by the State Parliament of North Rhine-Westphalia. It voted 153—38 after a day's debate interrupted frequently by Communist demonstrations.

When the vote was announced, one man leaped up in the gallery to shout: "Down with the partitioners of Germany."

Three other states had ratified the constitution earlier yesterday and four had voted two days ago. The other states voting yesterday were Schleswig-Holstein, 69-6; Lower Saxony, 98-37; and Hesse, 73-8.

In Schleswig-Holstein, near the Danish border, all the "no" votes came from the Danish minority, which wants re-union with Denmark. The eight Hessian "no" votes were all Communists.

Elections

Two minor parties joined the Communist opposition in Lower Saxony and one minor party voted with the Communists in North Rhine-Westphalia.

Two states have not yet voted. But they are due to vote by the week-end and their approval is almost certain.

Next Monday the convention which wrote the constitution will re-assemble and proclaim its adoption.

Then the first Federal election since Hitler will be rushed in an attempt to get the Government operating by July.—Associated Press.

GERMAN RAILWAY STRIKE

Berlin, May 21.

Fifteen thousand railway workers in Eastern Berlin went on strike at midnight and the Russian - controlled German railway administration called out strike-breakers.

Strikers and strike-breakers, both armed with clubs, clashed at the West Berlin overhead railway station shortly after midnight.

The East Berlin railway management, under Russian direction, had said its trains would run despite the strike. The union had replied it would tolerate no strike-breakers in Western Berlin.

Four Soviet Army officers and 20 German police with lanterns circulated the struck Gruenwald freight yards but made no attempt to interfere with workers leaving jobs.

The vital issue of whether trains would move between Berlin and Western Germany was confused. Just before the deadline, leaders of the anti-Communist union promised that traffic to Western Germany would continue to roll.

Minutes after the strike began, the union president, Ernest Scharnowski, took back the pledge and said all trains to and from Berlin would be halted until union officials conferred on Sunday.

Workers called the strike against the Russian-controlled railway administration to enforce demands that they be paid in Western marks. They had been paid in Soviet marks, which are about one-fourth the value of the Western mark.—United Press.

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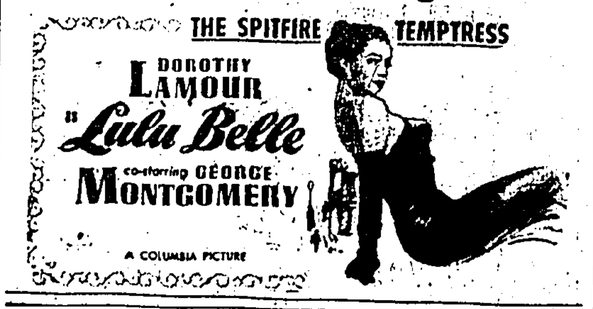

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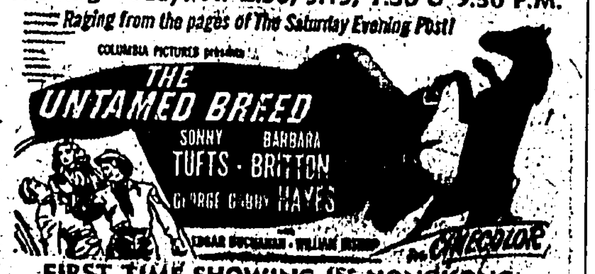

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Harpo Marx Causes Stir

New York, May 20.

A small passenger put on a red wig and a top hat and ran swiftly aboard the liner, Queen Mary, today as FBI agents in unprecedented numbers circulated among over 2,000 persons boarding the vessel.

It was on the adjacent pier that Gerhard Eisler, former Communist agent in the United States, boarded the Polish liner, Batory, on May 7 in an attempt to slip away behind the Iron Curtain. The agents refused to reveal their business on the ship today.

The man with a red wig who created a mild stir was Harpo Marx.—United Press.

MR. BEVIN IN PARIS

Paris, May 20.

The British Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin, arrived in Paris tonight for preliminary week-end talks with his Western colleagues before beginning the "Big Four" meeting on Germany next Monday.

Replying to questions by a group of press correspondents, Mr Bevin said, "I have nothing to say just now. You had better see me when I am going away."

With the American Secretary of State, Mr. Dean Acheson, and the French Foreign Minister, M. Robert Schuman, Mr. Bevin is expected to confirm common policy on Germany said to have been worked out secretly this week by diplomatic experts.

Usually reliable diplomatic circles here think that no major differences now exist between the Western Powers on a four-Power settlement and that the Soviet Foreign Minister, Mr. Andrei Vyshinsky, will face a common front on:

(1) Keeping Russia out of control of the Ruhr.
(2) Maintaining the West German State.
(3) Determination not to abandon Germany to her own resources.

Mr. Acheson is due to arrive by air tomorrow.

The Soviet Embassy, at noon, had no information as to the time of Mr. Vyshinsky's arrival.

Reports from Moscow indicated that he is bringing 70 experts on Germany, political advisers and Secretariat personnel.—Reuter.

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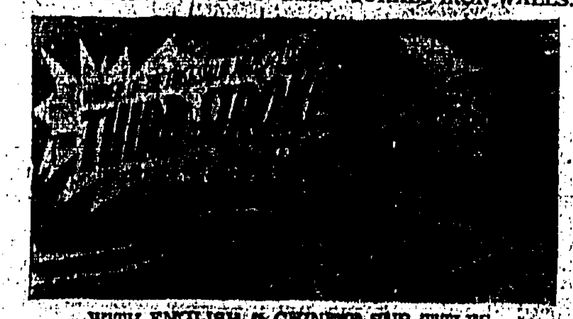

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11.00 p.m.—Epilogue Conducted by the Rev. Father T. J. Sheridan, S.J (Studio)
11.15 p.m.—Weather Report and Summary of News from China.
11.20 p.m.—Close Down.

FILM ACTOR'S NARROW SQUEAK

Tabaca, Tunisia, May 20.

The British film actor, Trevor Howard, narrowly escaped death yesterday when he was bitten by a viper while running through wild country near here during a boat hunt sequence for the film "Golden Salamander," in which he is starring.

But for a Tunisian who sucked the poison from his ankle and cauterised the wound, Howard might have died within three hours. After receiving medical treatment, he is now making a good recovery. Howard starred in the film version of Noel Coward's "Brief Encounter."—Reuter.

Mombasa, May 20.

A man fishing from the Mombasa dockside had to call on a five-ton crane to help him land his catch—a seven-foot man-eating shark.—Reuter.

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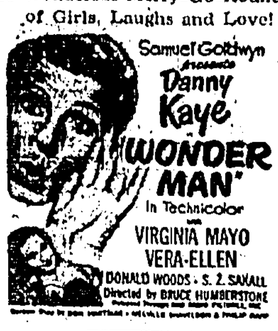

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"What you see there," I said, "is a warm flush mantling my cheek."

"You mean," said the ubiquitous, capable, and energetic secretary, "you'll do it?"

"But, certainly," I said. "It's a signal honour."

It was, too. He wanted me to be captain of a team of golfing boys, to play another team of golfing boys.

Captain! I'd never been captain of anything. Never, I suppose, been *solid* enough to be captain of anything. But, as the years go by, these distinctions roll in—the O.B.E., honorary membership of the Athenaeum, a seat in the pavilion at Lord's, captaining a team of golfing boys .....

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I sat back for three weeks, basking. It was a pity I couldn't run to a distinguished touch of grey at the temples, but that would come later, if it didn't all fall off first.

On Friday the capable, energetic, and ubiquitous secretary rang up.

"Good morning," he said, "I thought I'd make sure you'd fixed up a team."

"You'd make sure I'd fixed up a team? You're joking."

"You don't mean to say," he cried, "you've done nothing about it! There's only a couple of days left."

"I know," I told him. "I'm waiting to vet your list of players."

"*My* list! But you're the captain. You're supposed to get the chaps together!"

The captain, scurrying about begging people to play, I thought the captain just sat back and ordered drinks, and made everyone feel happy, and at the end there'd be a vote of thanks.

"I haven't moved hand or foot," I said.

"Well," snapped the capable secretary, "you'd better get moving. You've got your list of members. Start ringing them. You'll want ten, with two reserves."

"I'm very sorry," I replied, in a calmish voice, "but I can't find my list of members. I think I must have thrown it away."

"Oh, gaw," he said. There was a short pause. "Here," he cried angrily, "I'll read out 20 possibles. Take them down, *and* the telephone numbers, and get busy."

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I took down the 20 names and the telephone numbers.

"Thanks very much," I said. "I'll let you know what happens."

"I don't want to know what happens!" he shouted. "I'm taking my wife and family to Ramsgate. It's got nothing to do with me."

"Thank you," I replied, "for your help."

I went about it in a business-like way. I ruled a sheet of paper into a number of columns, headed: Possible; Probable; Certain; To Be Rung Back; To Ring Back; Telegrams; and—Miscellaneous. I started to ring at 10 a.m.

By midday my ear looked as if I'd caught it in a door. I'd taken off my tie, and there was almost nothing left of my voice.

I had three players—certain—and two possible. One of the possibles was in the B.B.C. He said it would be difficult for him to play on Tuesday. Several of the people in his department were on holiday. He'd have to see if

he could switch the duty roster. He would ring me back.

From midday until 12.45 I chased, by telephone, a man who had last turned out for our society in 1932. His wife said he was painting in Devon, but was expected back on Monday evening.

She gave me the number of his hotel, but warned me that if the weather was fine he might picnic, as it were, on the spot, friend and cheese, she said, in a satchel. He might not be back at the hotel until late evening. I put him down under Miscellaneous, and went out to get some lunch myself.

I was just leaning into the soup when it suddenly occurred to me, without warning, that the match was going to be on Monday, and not on Tuesday. I wondered for a moment why I'd ever thought it was going to be on Tuesday, and then I dropped everything and fled back to the office.

One by one I rang up my 20 possibles again. I gave the girl on our switchboard the numbers in batches of five. She said it might be easier that way.

It took a little time to explain to the 20 possibles that there had been an error in the date. I said that there had been some confusion, the responsibility for which it had been impossible to pin upon any one person, but hoped that they might be able to play under the new set of circumstances.

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At the end of an hour I found I'd lost one of my three certain players—he was going to be in Leeds on Monday—but had gained another possible, who'd apparently suspected all along that Monday was the day, and had made his arrangements on that basis. After my first call, however, he altered them to fit Tuesday, but thought he could probably change them back.

The man in the B.B.C. was nice about it, too. He said he'd actually fixed the roster, with a certain amount of trouble, so that he could have a day off on Tuesday, but if, in fact, the match was to be played on Monday he thought he might just be able to switch it round once more. He was busy, he said, at the moment with a news bulletin, but would hand it over to someone else while he phoned his other colleagues, two of whom were out of town.

I now had two certain players, three possibles, and one unknown quantity painting unusual views of St. Ives.

I started ringing up again. I found a man in Dulwich who said he'd very much like to play, but he'd sold his clubs before the war, and hadn't been on a golf course since.

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I told him to go out and buy some clubs. "Get out in the fresh air again," I told him. "It'll do you good. Shake up that liver of yours."

He became quite excited. "You really think I ought to?" he said. "Take it up again? Get out in the fresh air? Look," he said suddenly. "I'll ring you back. I'll have a word with the wife".

I put him down under "Telegrams," crossed it out, and made a note on a piece of blotting-paper. My original sheet of paper looked as if it had been hanging in a public call-box for 20 years.

The telephone rang.

"Hallo, is that you, old chap? I've been trying to get you for hours. Seems to be something wrong with your phone. Engaged signal all the time."

It was the captain of the other team of golfing boys.

"That's queer", I said. "I haven't made more than a couple of calls all day."

I certainly wasn't going to reveal my hand at a time like this.

"Look, old man"—the voice was hesitant—"I'm in a spot of trouble. All our chaps seem to be away."

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I sat up. "Are they? That's jolly bad luck."

"Yes. I don't seem, as a matter of fact, to have been able to get more than two. Do you think we could possibly postpone it, and play it again, say, in July?"

"July?" I said. "Well, if you really are in a spot I suppose we can't do anything else. It'll mean ringing all my chaps, of course, and telling them it's off, but I'll manage somehow."

"Thank you," he said, "thank you very much indeed. Sorry to have caused you all the bother."

"That is quite," I said, "all right."

I put down the receiver. Then I picked it up again. I began with the man in the B.B.C. The chap in Dulwich could wait. Even if he *had* rushed out and bought himself a set of clubs there was always a chance that he might be able to induce his children to take up the ghastly game.

In West Indies

While Scots in Nova Scotia are pressing to have their island joined to the mainland of Canada a similar alteration of nature and geography is being planned on a much smaller scale in the British West Indies.

This proposed reshaping of nature in the West Indies is the idea of an Aberdeenshire Scot, Sir Douglas Ritchie, a native of Collieston, and at present Vice-Chairman of the Port of London Authority.

"The Barbadoes" is a name still used in UK to describe the British West Indies island of Barbados (twenty-one miles long and fourteen miles wide), and Hunte says that a possible explanation of the plural form is the existence of another island, Pelican, which lies half a mile to the north of Bridgetown, the capital.

For the 320 years during which Barbados has been British, Pelican has mainly been used as a quarantine island. It is only quarter of a mile in area.

Now the island is doomed to disappear. It is to become part of a deep water wharf which is being planned for the island of Barados as a result of the advice given to the Barbados Government by Sir Douglas.

After a two-month visit he has recommended the building of this deep water wharf, which will cost £3,500,000 and take an estimated five years to complete.

Sir Douglas will recommend one of the two harbour schemes originally suggested last year by a British engineering firm.

If the Barbados Government accepts Sir Douglas's report, loans will be floated in London, and eventually the island will once more be on the map for British and other passenger ships.

What the CHINESE PRESS is saying

NEW LIFE EVENING NEWS: Not long ago, the No. 11 Police Launch was ransacked of arms by a gang of bandits who killed two European officers and a Chinese detective.

A similar incident a few years ago, at Nga Yiu in the New Territories, resulting in one constable being killed and the arms being captured at the police post.

The fact that a few bandits were able to attack a party of police and take away all their arms shows up the weakness of the police system. The two incidents are a result of the lack of strict control measures along the frontier rather than insufficient police strength.

The area adjoining the New Territories is infested with bandits and the authorities there are unable to cope with the situation. Therefore, if no effective measures are taken by the Hong Kong authorities, the danger of bandits infiltrating into the New Territories will continue.

In 1941 the border was closed. This measure was very useful in that it became easier for a comparatively small force on the border to keep a check on the type of people crossing into British territory.

Britain's Exports

WAN WEI PAO: The foreign trade of Britain for April shows that there was a sharp fall in her exports, the figure of which was £135,000,000, and that the excess of imports over exports increased to £44,000,000. Why was there an increase of excess imports over exports?

Let us first examine British industrial production. It is because of the shortage of labour and raw materials that Britain has failed to speed up her exports programme.

British manufacturers often fail to carry out their overseas orders on time. The export price of British products is not the basic factor responsible for the sharp decline of her exports. If Britain wishes to cut her export prices, the easiest way is to devaluate sterling. But we hold the opinion that this is unnecessary and unwise.

The devaluation of sterling may help to encourage exports, but Britain will have to pay a much higher price for her imports.

What are the crucial factors of Britain's economy? Roughly speaking there are two: First Britain keeps too big an armed force. Her armed forces overseas absorb an overwhelming portion of her foreign exchange.

If Britain were to demobilise 300,000 men from her armed forces, her Treasury could save considerably and her industries would greatly increase production.

Secondly, if she wishes to improve her foreign trade, Britain should change her trading channels. She should expand and develop trade with the Soviet Union and the Eastern European states.

Trade With China

TA KUNG PAO: Hong Kong is in a favourable position for trading with China.

Once Shanghai is liberated, its foreign trade will soon be restored. There may be some difficulties during the preliminary stages when normal trade resumes between Hong Kong and Shanghai.

But it is envisaged that the difficulties would soon be overcomed and progress would be made.

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SING TAO JIH PAO: Both the military and political positions of Hong Kong will not be affected in the near future by the rapid changes going on in China, but her economic position will.

Just now, trade with China is off rapidly and there is a general increase of more 25 per cent in the prices of commodities imported from China. Should the situation further deteriorate trade with China may be brought to a standstill and prices of commodities may soar ever higher.

Therefore, Hong Kong must seek to develop her export trade. The United Kingdom as well as countries within the British Commonwealth should give her assistance by taking more imports from Hong Kong, and at the same time raising the quotas of raw materials they export to Hong Kong.

In this way, import and export merchants may carry on their business and manufacturers may maintain or even increase production. If the employment of the people is not effected and local economy is preserved intact, internal order can be preserved.

Besides, such measures as relaxing control on American exchange, lowering the price of ration rice, importing firewood from the South Sea areas, and frozen meat and other foodstuff from Australia are also important.

It cannot be denied that economy is a deciding factor on local conditions, future and present, and the solution of it is in our hands.

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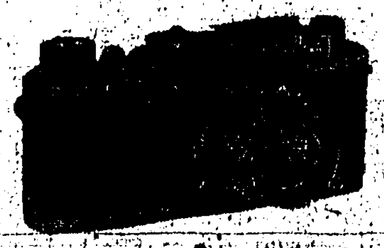

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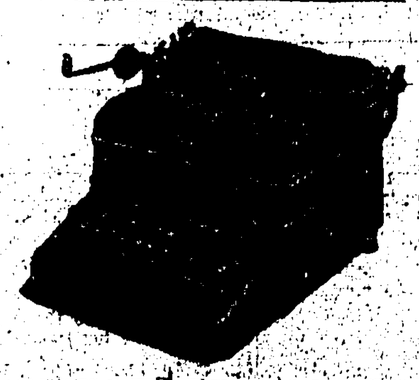

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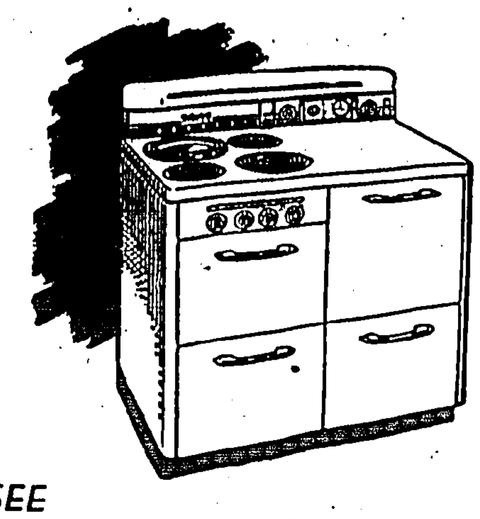

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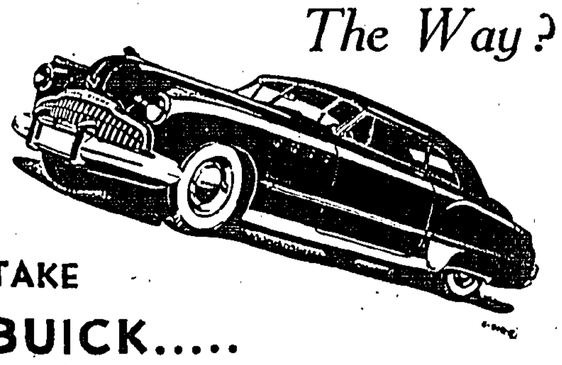

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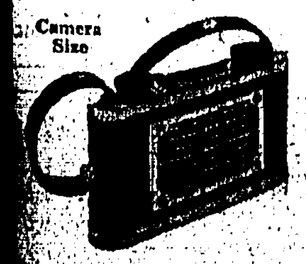

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BRITAIN REJECTS RUSSIAN PLAN FOR GREEK WAR

London, May 20.

Britain told Russia in secret New York talks that she is not prepared to start "Big Three" negotiations on Greece behind the back of the Athens Government, the Foreign Office stated today.

The Foreign Office said that the Minister of State, Mr. Hector McNeil, made this clear at the second of recent conversations on a tentative Russian proposal for talks with the United States and Britain to end the Greek civil war.

The Deputy Foreign Minister, Mr. Andrei Gromyko, represented Russia, and the Assistant State Secretary, Mr. Dean Rush, the United States, at three informal New York conversations on April 26, May 5 and May 14.

A usually reliable London source said today that Mr. Ernest Bevin, the British Foreign Secretary, and the United States Secretary of State, Mr. Dean Acheson, are likely to discuss Moscow's proposal when they meet in Paris over the week-end.

Britain would almost certainly frown on any suggestion of mediating on an equal footing between the Greek Government and the guerillas, this source added.

The British spokesman said that the New York meetings were solely to clarify the Soviet suggestions. There had been no negotiations.

Mr. McNeil pointed out to Mr. Gromyko that the civil war would soon end if Greece's Northern neighbours stop giving aid and shelter to the rebels, the spokesman added.

Mr. McNeil also said that the United Nations is carrying on certain work in relation to Greece, which the three Governments would not wish to cut across.

M. Layon Melas, Greek Ambassador in London, was informed of the course of the New York discussions this morning.

The Soviet suggestion for negotiations, disclosed last night by the official Tass news agency, was linked with proposals that the three Powers should make a peace appeal in Greece, that a general amnesty should be declared and that a general election should be held.

U.S. Rejection

In Washington, the State Department today also rejected Russia's proposal.

In a statement replying to Russia's terms for settling the Greek strike, the Department said the United States would welcome bona fide effort by the Soviet Union to settle the civil war by ending the Communist support to the rebel forces.

The announcement was made shortly after President Truman conferred with his Cabinet.—Reuter and United Press.

BETTER HOMES SERIES

At the YWCA, 11 Duddell Street, at 3 o'clock on Wednesday, Mrs. H. H. Findlay Gourlie will give a demonstration and talk on how cooking can be done with leisure which she calls "Out of A Cook's Bag of Tricks". Mrs. Gourlie will be remembered for her previous talks at the YWCA on "Make the Most of Yourself", "Fun with Flowers" and "Mostly About Christmas".

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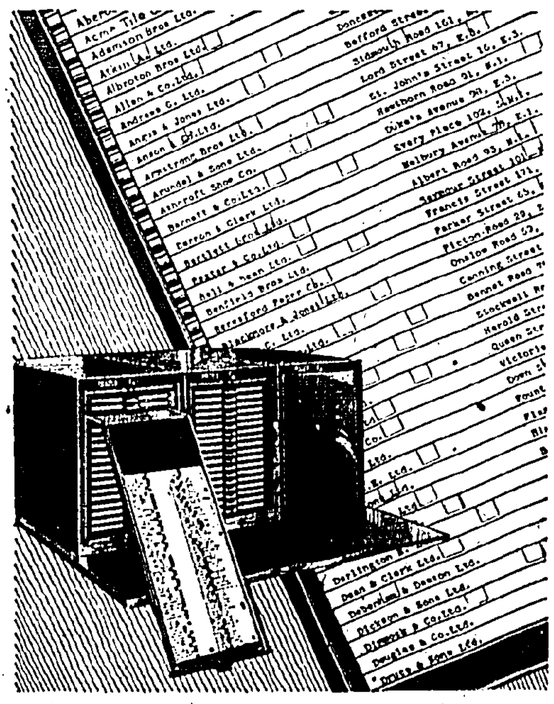

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Romance In The Kremlin

London, May 20.

The newspaper "Star" said today that Vice-Premier V. M. Molotov's daughter, Svetlana, and Premier Josef Stalin's son, Vasilij, are to be married.

The newspaper described Svetlana as a "20-year-old dark, plump, typical Russian with the round features of her father rather than the finer-drawn Grecian beauty of her mother. She is, they say, a well read, thoughtful and good Russian Communist who knows a lot about Western ideas and rather likes them."

Stalin's son is a Major-General in the Air Force.—United Press.

Churchill Going To Strasbourg

London, May 20.

Mr. Winston Churchill has agreed to go to the first meeting of the Council of Europe at Strasbourg in August, official Conservative sources said tonight.

The Conservative Party has supplied the Government with a list of its proposed representatives on the British delegation to the Assembly, but the names have still to be officially disclosed.

The Council of Europe will consist of a Committee of Foreign Ministers and a Consultative Assembly of 87 members from 10 countries.

Britain's delegation of 18 will, it is expected, include 12 from the Government Party.

Exchanges are still proceeding between Government and Opposition parties on the personnel of the delegation. In Parliamentary quarters it is suggested that the rest of the Conservative team will be drawn from the following: the Deputy party leader, Mr Anthony Eden, Sir David Maxwell Fyfe, Mr. Harold MacMillan Mr. David Eccles and Mr. Robert Boothby—all members of the House of Commons.—Reuter.

CUNARD MASTER DECORATED

Southampton, May 21.

Mr. Charles M. Ford, master of the liner Queen Elizabeth, was decorated with the United States "Legion of Merit" yesterday for his wartime service in troopship ferrying American soldiers to the fighting fronts.

William H. Beck, United States Consul-General in Southampton, handed the decoration to Captain Ford aboard the Queen Elizabeth. Captain Ford is Commodore of the Cunard White Star Fleet.—Associated Press.

INTERNAL STRUGGLES AMONG NATIONALISTS

Canton, May 21.

Like a band of Oriental Neros, the Chinese Nationalist leaders are fiddling while their country burns.

In their last-minute internal struggle for power, the major battle of the moment is whether the Government shall move to the island of Taiwan or West to Chungking, which served as capital in the war against Japan.

The outcome of this battle may determine whether Acting President Li Tsung-jen stays in office or gives way to Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek.

The shadowy figure of Generalissimo Chiang is still the most powerful in Nationalist China. He did not give up one whit of power or influence when he "retired" as President last January.

Well qualified foreign observers who have watched the Nationalists politicking while the Communists roll down from the North, do not think the bickering in this provisional capital will make any difference so far as the civil war is concerned.

They are convinced that the Nationalists have lost the war. They believe that both General Li and General Chiang also realise this, but they see the internal jockeying in these terms:

General Li wants to move to the West and is trying to obtain more of the money and troops still controlled by General Chiang. With these he might continue fighting the Reds or might try to improve his position to make a bargain with the Communists.

No Trust

General Chiang wants to take the Government to Taiwan, believing that before the Reds can root him out of that island fortress, war will develop between the United States and Russia, and he will thus be restored to power as America's anti-Communist ally in the Orient.

Against this background, observers say, the Nationalist factors are spinning in ever narrowing circles. No one trusts anyone else.

General Li has the post of Acting President and no authority. General Chiang has not given him any help, and without it General Li cannot do anything.

General Chiang has the unswerving loyalty of the men who rode to power with him more than 20 years ago. They see in him their last chance to retain some of that power.

General Li has the support of a handful of moderates and some anti-Chiang men who were never permitted to attain any stature when General Chiang was undisputed top man.

Some sources foresee a final split on the Taiwan or Chungking move.

If General Li goes West, many Government figures loyal to General Chiang may refuse to follow. This could result in a "call" to General Chiang to step forward officially as the Nationalist Chief—a position he has never really abandoned.—Associated Press.

U.S. Reds May Go Underground

Washington, May 20.

A high ranking Communist said today that the party will go underground if the Mundt-Nixon bill to force the Communists to register is passed.

The Secretary of the Communist Party made the statement under questioning by Senator Herbert O'Connor. The Senate Judiciary sub-committee is considering the Communist control legislation.

"Suppose the Mundt-Nixon bill becomes law," Senator O'Connor asked, "would you abide by the law and register as a Communist? Would you advise other Communists to register?"

The Communist secretary said: "We would not register. You would force us underground if you outlawed us. We could not abide by the law which violates the right of the American popular bill of rights and constitution."

"You would violate the law and go underground?" Mr. O'Connor asked.

"Yes," answered the Secretary of the Communist Party.—United Press.

BURMA NAVY IN ACTION

Rangoon, May 20.

Navy gunboats today gave support to troops attacking rebel-held villages in the Delta district of Pyapon, 40 miles South West of Rangoon, a Government communique said tonight.

It added that the rebels suffered heavy casualties in close-range fighting in paddy-fields.

A Government seaplane dropping supplies to troops near Maubin, 30 miles North of Pyapon, was fired on by rebels, but escaped undamaged.

Government troops killed 20 Karens in a clash near Tavoy, the communique added.

Rebels today made a two-pronged attack on the North Burma Army headquarters town of Meiktila, the Burma Army Radio reported.

The Radio added that when the rebels fled they left behind 56 killed and 27 wounded.

Government troops are also reported to have captured large quantities of arms and ammunition, including a tank.—Reuter.

RECOGNITION OF ISRAEL

Paris, May 21.

France decided yesterday on full scale (de jure) recognition of Israel and named Edouard Guyon as Minister there.

M. Guyon is promoted from Councillor at the French Embassy in Berne. Maurice Fischer, who has been Israeli representative in Paris, becomes Israeli Minister.—Associated Press.

RUSSIANS ARMING KOREA

Seoul, May 20, (Delayed).

The South Korean Government yesterday charged that Russia is arming major land, sea and air forces in North Korea.

The Foreign Minister, Mr. Ben C. Limb, and the Defence Minister, Mr. Sihn Sung Mo, in a joint statement, claimed that Russia, according to dependable information, has promised North Korea that she will arm six infantry divisions, three motorised divisions and provide 20 patrol boats, 100 fighters, 20 bombers and 100 reconnaissance planes and fully arm the police.

The United Nations Commission in South Korea, meanwhile, revealed today that it has again tried to establish contact with the North Korea Government.

It said that the Commission, on March 18, addressed a letter to General Kim Il Sung, North Korea Premier, via "unrevealed persons" in Hong Kong requesting facilities to visit North Korea.

No reply has yet been received.—Reuter.

Pakistan Air Lines

Karachi, May 20.

Pakistan is considering nationalising its two civil air lines.

Under a scheme now before the Pakistan Government the two companies—Pakistan Airways and Orient Airways—will be merged into one nationalised corporation similar to the British national air lines.

But the Government will hold only 51 per cent of the shares and the rest will remain in the hands of the present company owners.

The new corporation will be known as "Pakistan Air Lines."

Owing to financial difficulties about the operation of commercial air lines in Pakistan, neither of the two companies is reluctant to be nationalised. One of the companies already has aircraft paid for by the Government.—Reuter.

NEW AIR PACT

Rome, May 20.

Increased air travel between Italy and Spain is foreseen under a new air agreement between the two countries.

The agreement, which has still to be ratified, was initialled here yesterday.—Reuter.

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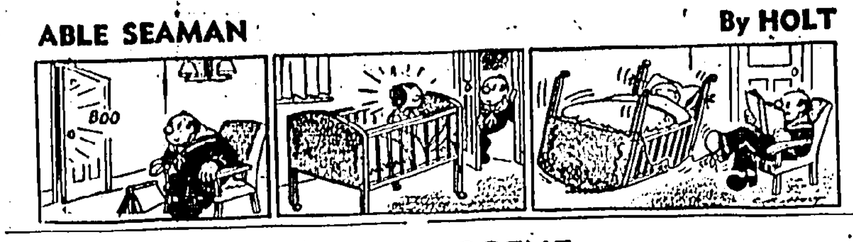

BEHIND THE POLITICAL SCENE

LULL BEFORE ANOTHER BATTLE?

By ALASTAIR FORBES

Those cosy pictures of Dr. Jessup and Mr. Malik beaming at each other over clasped hands have sent a sudden rush of cheerfulness to many empty heads. The cartoonists have done their misleading best to show that all is about to be merry and bright once more.

There has certainly been plenty happening. The India settlement has been followed by the agreement on the Statute of Europe; the blockade of Berlin has been lifted and the Four Foreign Ministers are to meet once more.

In the Commons gloomy Mr. Clement Davies gave expression to his joy after such very remarkable happenings. And everywhere else self-styled Liberals were reviving hopes of any kind of settlement which would soothe their frayed nerves.

Lord Vansittart's words elsewhere in this issue should prove a useful corrective to any foolish optimism about Russian intentions.

The airlift has considerably reduced the effectiveness of Soviet schemes to infiltrate and later annex all Germany. Moscow has, therefore, agreed to remove the restrictions and may be counted upon to do everything possible to break up the new Western Germany.

Peaceful Air Lift

The concessions which Russia is now prepared to make (they will be found to be far-reaching) are merely the measure of the vigour with which the Battle for Germany is now to be rejoined. Hard and anxious days lie ahead.

We may soon have cause to regret the "peaceful" days of the airlift, behind which we have been sheltering. We shall certainly regret our failure firmly to incorporate Western Germany into Western Europe before it was too late.

The strains which will now be imposed on the Parliament at Bonn will make themselves felt in the Assembly which is soon to meet farther up the Rhine at Strasbourg. Nevertheless, the creation of that Assembly and the Council of Europe marks a great step forward.

It was in the neighbouring province of Lorraine, at Metz, three years ago, that Mr. Churchill first urged the people of Britain and the Continent to learn to speak European. At Strasbourg they will be able to do so.

Mr. Bevin will have to be careful not to yield to the temptation to use the power of veto which will be available to him in the new Council.

In the Assembly the Tory members will have an important role to play. It is something that the Government has at last been shamed into allowing them to participate.

Mr. Harold Macmillan should be an excellent representative of his party, but it would be a pity if Mr. Churchill were not to be granted a special opportunity to address the Assembly at its first meeting this summer. Most fitting of all would be his appointment as honorary President.

Loss Of Face

It was Mr. Macmillan who in the Commons recently drew up the long catalogue of folly which has marked the Government's handling of recent events in the Far East, culminating in the Yangtse tragedy, that masterpiece of mismanagement.

Obviously Britain is in no position to exact retribution for the Communist action. Therein, indeed, lies the principal fault of the Socialists, in exposing Britain to such irreparable loss of face, a fault which our American allies have been careful to avoid.

No doubt it is quite right that our trading community should remain in the area against the day when Western influence may once more prove exertible against Communist tyranny over the Chinese people. But for the present we have to look to the defences of threatened Hong Kong, the Gibraltar of the Far East, which in grimmer days not long ago was allowed to fall.

The Government has given assurances. But how much can these be worth while their implementation is in the hands of Mr. A. V. Alexander?

His performance in the debate was a sorry affair. Apart from his usual expressions of injured vanity, he stuck to a brief which was made up of "piffle" from the Foreign Office and "poppycock" from the Admiralty.

What is urgently required is the certainty that all the Commonwealth countries concerned will be encouraged to assist in holding back the Communist threat in the Pacific area.

Australia and New Zealand, so critical of Hong Kong's defence arrangements in the past, must assume some responsibility. Pakistan and India are intimately concerned. The former is surely willing to play a part, but from the latter there will be hesitation.

Hong Kong Defence

Mr. Nehru's heart is without doubt in the right place, but he would be unwise to carry his trimming too far. His policy of non-alignment, as he calls it, will not keep the Russian bear from his door.

What on earth, for instance, does he mean when he says that "we have to prepare to some extent against danger from attacks," but "if it is overdone it leads to war"?

Another matter which requires elucidating is the amount of American help which can be counted for the defence of Hong Kong, which President Roosevelt was short-sighted enough to wish to see freed from British "imperialism."

In the Lords recently there took place what has become known as the "Annual Stocktaking" debate, in which the Government's economic policies, as outlined in the Economic Survey, are subjected to searching review.

For the Tories Lord Cherwell probed mercilessly and unsmilingly about among the statistics. He found the tender places without much difficulty and subjected them to his customary treatment, which consists of plunging them into an acid bath.

Lord Pakenham responded for the Government with a rather long-drawn-out wail of anguish, followed up by the usual Socialist suggestions, never borne out by the facts, that Tory criticism is always unfair, unpatriotic, and somehow insulting to the workers of the country.

Nevertheless, in this serious debate, even the Government's optimism and complacency were considerably damped by the warnings uttered by the many expert witness who contributed their opinions.

There was general agreement on the need to underline the lesson that if the present social services are to be maintained, then so must present taxation, at every level of the community.

Lord Brand, being without party affiliation, was free to give his view that the Socialist decision to introduce the Health Service on its present scale was against the interests of the community at this particular moment.

Nobody seemed to approve of Mr. Bevan's distribution of surgical largesse to foreigners, about which he was boasting.

Even brassieres are now included among the free gifts, I understand. All this must surely constitute another grave sabotage of the export drive upon which Sir Stafford continues to base his hopes of full recovery.

Export Difficulties

Neither the Chancellor nor Mr. Wilson appears to display much signs of awareness of the growing difficulties of selling British goods at their present prices, difficulties which our exporters are encountering daily.

It is true that Sir Stafford is determined to fight any increase in wages, which would automatically make those prices even steeper and undo all the good work achieved since Dr. Dalton was dismissed from the case.

But the trade unions are proving themselves to be the principal opponents of Government policy and they may yet drag us back to the level of the 1947 crisis.

It is much to be hoped that Socialist housewives, like Mrs. Jean Mann, MP, will continue to back up Sir Stafford's case by pointing out the many reductions in prices of food since last year.

Meanwhile, the Chancellor has announced in Rome his determination to set his face against devaluation of sterling, a policy recommended by many more people than just "the busybodies in America" to which he referred, as a means of boosting British exports.

Whatever the future may hold in store, it must be hoped that Sir Stafford will consider more carefully than he seems so far to have done the accuracy of his optimistic estimates of our dollar-earning power during the coming year.

Your Life and Mine

by IRIS ASHLEY

One day last week wives and husbands came under a discussion by a Commons Standing Committee. Mrs. Jean Mann, Labour M.P. for Coatbridge and also a J.P., said that the fault in separation cases was not always with the man.

She remarked that "often one finds that the woman has a tongue sharper than a razor-blade, that she is a nagging woman."

Well, you all know the old story about the man who loved and owned horses. Then one day he went out and got married. Later he was heard to remark sadly: "I can't afford horses any longer. The only nag I've got left is the one I married."

Men get a bitter satisfaction out of that one; women set their mouths and look prissy. But looking prissy isn't a bit of good.

The accusation has been going on too loud and too long to be ignored. In a recent poll to discover the causes of so much failure of marriage, nagging wives came highest on the list of male complaints. And even I can see that the men are sometimes right.

I have a nasty suspicion that it isn't always the woman across the street who nags her husband. Quite often, my dears, it's you and me.

Familiar Ring

How many times have you asked your husband to tidy away his shaving things How often have you begged him to squeeze the toothpaste from the bottom? What do you say when he is late for dinner?

How many times recently have you uttered the words: "Oh, George! You know I am always saying ..." It has a familiar ring, hasn't it?

Yet it is not altogether women's fault that they have a tendency to nag. They seldom start out that way. Let's look the thing over.

There are still many more women in the home than there are "career women," and it is this majority which for the moment is under discussion.

On the whole men have a different set of values from women. Most men feel that the important thing is to earn money, which, in turn, will keep the family going.

Everything else comes second, which is a practical point of view whether we like it or not. Whereas most wives live in a world where the horizon is no farther than new curtains for the living-room, food difficulties, and the children's behaviour.

Set the values against each other, and what happens? Young father thinks of his bank balance and feels the living-room is fine as it is.

And while the kids are young, surely, thinks father, it is mother's affair to teach them table manners. But, being male, father doesn't want to get involved in an argument. So he murmurs something about reading the paper, and does just that.

"You see, doctor, he had never seen the place lit up at night before."

Young mamma, keen on her home and progeny and bored with her own company, would welcome even an argument about them; so she persists in talking to him and at him about what is uppermost in her mind—curtains and the children.

Her voice comes up and over and around that newspaper in waves of increasingly indignant sound. Her husband calls it nagging.

Another thing, anyone who has had much to do with children knows what effect an unrepeated command has on them! Usually it is just like talking to yourself. So, in the honest endeavour to train her young to be civilised beings, a mother is inclined to repeat herself.

Results Are Ironical

Unless she knows when to stop (and it's easy) the results of this are ironical. The children become almost immune to her voice, and really only hear when their interest is captured by the subject.

Maddened by inattention, mother natters on, getting nowhere; fraying her own nerves and those of her beloved family by nagging them.

A wife and mother must not too much of a perfectionist. It is, after all, 1949 years since a perfect man was born. Isn't it obvious that a man will stick around for another little drink with the boys if he knows he is going to get hell when he gets home anyway?

A wise woman will simply stipulate that her husband must call up if he is held late at the office. (We are assuming that he is really held up!) When he does so, she manages to sound pleasant and sympathetic if it kills her. This will save many a burnt dinner, and often brings the dear boy home earlier than a few sharp words could ever do.

With the children, if the necessary obedience is not forthcoming, it is no good talking. Some small punishment is needed to gain their attention and help their memory for next time. Remove a toy; no sweets today; or no bedtime story.

Once those words come tumbling out, goodness, how they gain momentum! Past annoyances, grievances long nursed but almost forgotten, incidents held in the subconscious—they all take shape and march like a destroying army across the peace and happinese of the domestic scene.

It is only fair to say that nagging, like all habits, creeps up unnoticed and is the devil's own trouble to stop. It achieves exactly nothing.

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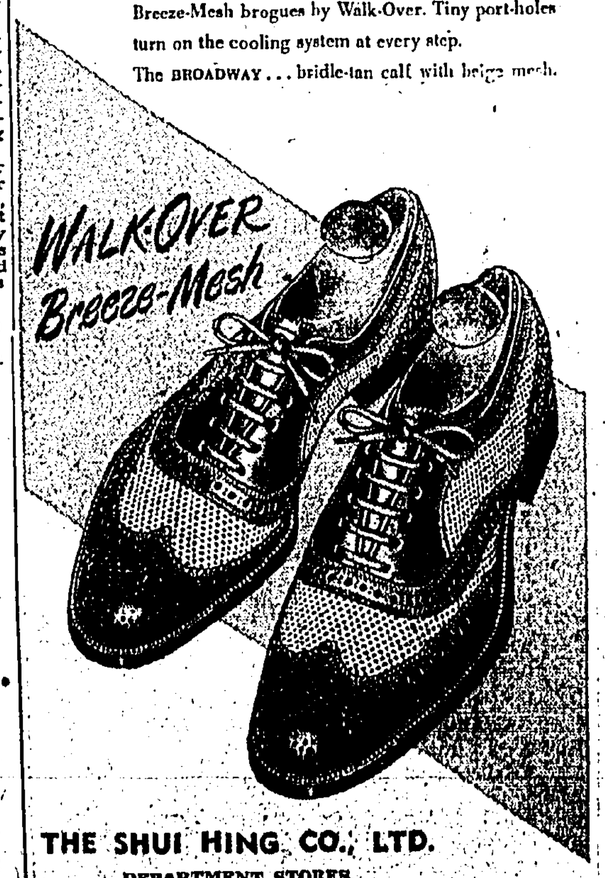

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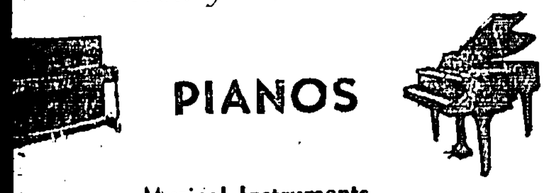

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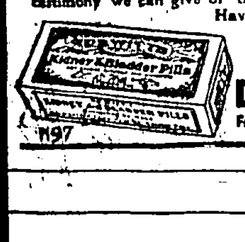

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COSMIC RAYS MAY BE TWO BILLION YEARS OLD

Chicago, May 21.

Where do cosmic rays come from?

Enrico Fermi, Nobel Prize physicist at the University of Chicago, thinks they originated up to 2,000,000,000 years ago out in space among the stars.

The Fermi hypothesis, presented in the current "Physical Review," is that a ray is born in the collision of a tiny proton with a magnetic field in a huge galactic cloud like the Milky Way.

Mr. Fermi, invented the uranium pile, opening the atomic age and making the atomic bomb a possibility back in 1942.

As a hint of the unimaginable speed of the fastest of rays, the Italian-born scientist says that their acceleration process may take up to 2,000,000,000 years. The slower protons or rays may have been accelerated for only 100,000,000 years, he says.

His theory asserts that the highest energy cosmic ray protons are as old as the stars. Only the exceptional proton, however, escapes energy losses by collision long enough to attain the highest speed.

To be fully accelerated by this inter-stellar magnetic field collision, Mr. Fermi says, a proton must obtain a charge of at least 100,000,000 volts.

Chain Reaction

Such high charges may be produced by the cosmic radiation itself, when colliding with hydrogen atoms spread through space. The proton's energy accelerates to upward of 1,000,000,000 volts—in some cases a 1,000,000 times more than that.

This energising process, Mr. Fermi says, is somewhat similar to that of a controlled chain reaction in which neutrons that keep the reaction going are themselves, originated by neutrons.

The majority of particles coming into the earth's vicinity at the these high energies appear to be protons or nuclei of hydrogen atoms, earlier research by Marcel Schein, University of Chicago cosmic ray authority, indicates.—Associated Press.

Vietnam Leader's Forecast

Bangkok, May 20.

The Vietnam President, Ho Chi Minh, said today that the third and final stage of the war against the French in Indo-China is expected to end soon.

The statement was made in written answers to reporters' questions. Main points of the interview:

Q. In case of war between East and West, whom would Vietnam support?—A. With the present situation, I do not think World War III possible.

Do you favour Communism and have been a Communist?—When young, I studied Buddhism, Confucianism, Christianism, as well as Marxism. There are good things in each doctrine. The Vietnam Communist Party was dissolved in 1945. I have been to England, France, Russia, China and other countries.

Are charges that your Government received material aid from the Reds of China true?—That is French colonialist bluffing propaganda pure and simple.

Regarding the Laos and Cambodians, he said: "We wish every nation well." He promised also a future of "good neighbourhood and brotherly co-operation" with Thailand. — United Press.

JAPANESE RED GETS INVITE

Tokyo, May 20.

Korchito Kurahara, member of the Central Committee of Japan's Communist Party, has been invited to attend the celebration in Moscow of the 150th birthday anniversary of Pushkin which begins in Moscow on June 6.

The invitation was conveyed to Kurahara by the Soviet Cultural Liaison Council office in Tokyo.

Kurahara has been invited for a three-week stay in the Soviet capital. He was formerly chief of the Cultural Affairs Department of the Communist Party.

No reaction has yet been received from SCAP which must approve all visits abroad by Japanese.—Reuter.

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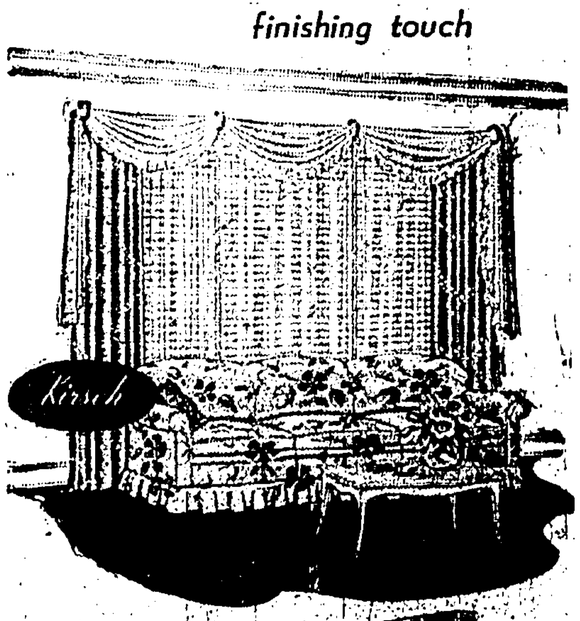

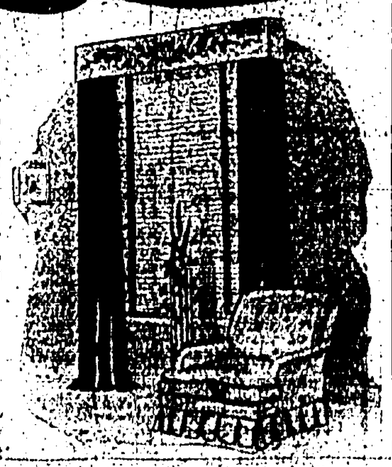

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Orientals In U.S. May Get Citizenship

Philadelphia, May 20.

Representative Walter Judd today proposed citizenship for 88,000 Orientals residing legally in this country but barred from naturalisation.

Mr. Judd told the International Institute of Philadelphia that the 1924 law barring Orientals from United States citizenship was one of the causes which led to Pearl Harbour.

"It was, more than any other thing, to turn Japan against us and toward militarism. One of the things I vowed to do when I saw the resentment of the people of Asia against this total, gross insult and the bad effect for our own country was that I would do my best to get the injustice removed."—United Press.

SNEEZING BOY GETS A GIFT

London, May 20.

A parcel, labelled "Medicine Liquid Energy," and addressed to Michael Hippisley, aged 14, Britain's "sneezing boy," arrived at London Airport today by an American Overseas Airline plane from New York.

Michael, whose home is at Highgate, North London, is today resting at a country "retreat" and still sneezing, for the 13th consecutive day. At the beginning of his attack, the sneezes came every three seconds, but were later reported to be slightly less frequent.

Airline officials arranged for Michael's American parcel, sent by Mr. Lawrence "Sparkie" Adams, of Nashville, Tennessee, to be speeded through the customs, and are arranging for it to be sent to him.

Michael's father, Mr. John Hippisley, told a reporter tonight: "I am going into the country to see Michael tomorrow or on Sunday, and will take the gift with me. It is a very kind offer."

Mr. Hippisley said that his son is a little better, but is still sneezing at an unplehsant rate.

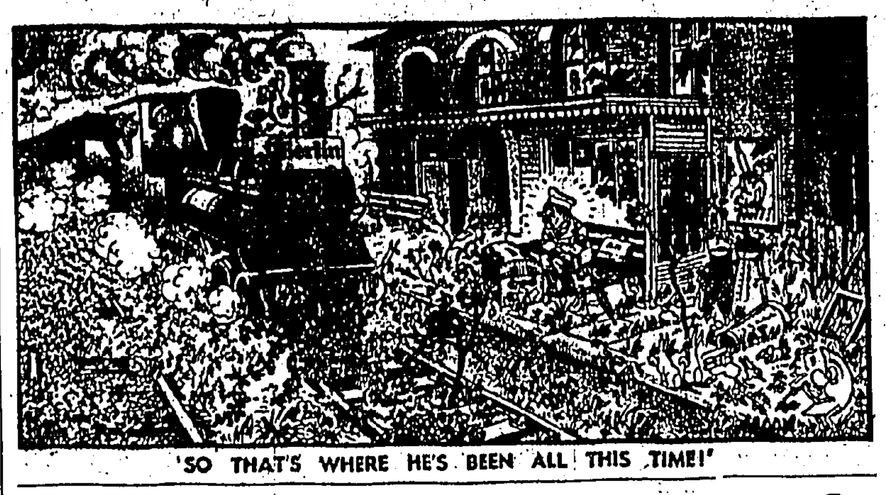
"The specialist who saw him originally is returning from the United States this week-end, and I am bringing Michael back to London to see him, probably on Sunday," he added.—Reuter.

LINER AGROUND

Belem, Brazil, May 20.

The Booth Lines' British liner, Hilary, has been grounded since Sunday when she ran on a sandbank near Breves while ascending the Amazon to Manaus.

The Booth Lines has two other ships attempting to free the Hilary. The Navy offered a tug to assist.—United Press.



'SO THAT'S WHERE HE'S BEEN ALL THIS TIME!'

Child Training As A Means To Stop Wars

Washington, May 21.

Women representatives from 12 nations are agreed that child training is an important factor in preventing another world war.

They declared also that the cause of peace would be aided by greater public interest in both national and international affairs.

These views were expressed in a symposium, "Women and Peace," which followed the annual Spring luncheon of the capital division of the U.S. Women's National Farm and Garden Association.

Mrs. Harold H. Burton, wife of a U.S. Supreme Court Justice, was the leading speaker and the participants were women from 12 Embassies and legations whose countries are affiliated with the Associated Country Women of the World.

Mrs. Burton told the gathering the American Woman should admit her great responsibility for peace because of her physical security during and since the last war.

Summarising the symposium, Mrs. Margeret R.T. Carter of the U.S. State Department declared: "Women are bound together as friends in common search, spirations and practical effort. No action, thought or attitude is too unimportant to assure our goal of peace."

Warlike Toys

A suggestion that toys glorifying war should be abolished came from Mrs. Erling Christopherson, wife of the first Secretary of the Norwegian Embassy. She also remarked that she did not mean to be "impolite to the men—but don't you think the women work more to keep the peace?"

Mrs. Kai Johnsen, wife of the Secretary of the Danish Embassy, was unable to attend but sent a message urging that hatred and insecurity and talk of war should be kept from the lives of children.

Mrs. F. R. Hoyar-Millar, wife of the British Minister here, said women should encourage their families to take an interest in world affairs and should participate in the civic activities of their own communities.

"Women," she said, "should remember they are members of society as a whole and remember their duties to the world at large."

The Home

Mrs. Unni Nayar, wife of the Indian Military Attache, placed special emphasis on the home as a source of peace and calm.

"Peace at home is essential for peace without," she said. "To the Indian women, the whole world is her home and the world population is her family."

Included among other speakers on the symposium were Mrs. K. T. Jutila, wife of the Finnish Minister; Lady Berendsen, wife of the New Zealand Ambassador, Mrs. Armand Berard, wife of the French Minister; Mrs. T. H. Eustace, wife of the South African Embassy Counsellor; Mrs. W. D. Gunaratna, wife of the Ceylon Embassy Counsellor; and Mrs. C. Bruggmann, wife of the Swiss Minister.

Mrs. Harry Truman, wife of the U.S. President, was the guest of honour. Among those introduced at the gathering were Mrs. E. N. Van Kleffens, wife of the Netherlands Ambassador.—Associated Press.

Britain Should "Get Tough"

London, May 20.

Mr. Robert Boothby, a Conservative Member of Parliament, urged the Government today to use "sanctions and threats and be really tough" to get some settlement of the problem of over-fishing in the North Sea.

Speaking in a Parliamentary debate, he also advocated firm action to prevent Iceland breaking up the British home market with imports. "We should suggest that she ratify the 1945 Convention. The same thing applies to Norway," he declared.

He criticised the "coarse Norwegian herring that we imported in the early part of the year, which are turned into the foulest kippers that ever were created."—Reuter

Princess Margaret In Venice

Venice, May 21.

Princess Margaret of Britain arrived here yesterday to continue her Italian holiday.

Smiling, she received the greetings of Venice's Prefect, Dr. Cargiulo, and of the British Consul. The Princess wore a white cotton print dress and white shoes. Her head was bare.

In Bologna, the Princess and her party paused en route at the "Pappagallo"—Parrot—restaurant to eat a typical Bolognese meal. She had "Tortellini Alla Bolognese"—a form of stuffed pasta with meat sauce, roast veal and orvieto wine. Her table was decorated with flowers including Marguerites. She received a bouquet and was applauded by a group of people who had gathered at the restaurant to catch a glimpse of the Royal visitor.—Associated Press.

RUSSIAN PLANE TO BE RETURNED

Stockholm, May 20.

Sweden has agreed to a Russian demand for the immediate return of the Soviet fighter in which a Russian Air Force pilot landed here last Wednesday.

Circles close to the Foreign Office believe the Russians insist on the plane's immediate return because it contains secret instruments. It has already been minutely studied by Swedish Air Force experts.—Reuter.

MANILA SHAKE-UP

Manila, May 20.

The Manila Police Department was today reported to be facing a major shake-up designed to eliminate irregularities and minimise red tape.

The question is at present being carefully studied.—Reuter.

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Not for an instant did either Herbert or I contemplate my giving up my acting career, which is not only my work but also my hobby and greatest interest in life. Instead, as a team, we turned to face fresh problems and, I am happy to say, to meet new triumphs.

But making pictures in wartime Britain was not easy. After starring with Richard Greene in "Yellow Canary"—a film which made more money in this country than "Victoria the Great"—I had to wait 15 months before Herbert could find studio space for our next venture.

During this enforced idleness I did a tour for ENSA (54 camps in 54 nights), played in Shakespeare at the Open Air Theatre and in "Peter Pan," and starred opposite Robert Donat in a stage version of Jane Austen's "Emma."

I also refused an offer from Noel Coward to play in his "Blithe Spirit" film because I didn't think I was right for the part.

A New Series

Then came the moment when the "London" series was evolved. Herbert and I were walking through a Buckinghamshire lane one Sunday morning and discussing what to do next.

"What about letting audiences see you as yourself for a change?" said Herbert. Up to this time I had played "character" parts in most of my films.

We called in to say "Hello" to our friends, Lore and Maurice Cowan, who told Herbert of an idea they had about an American airman in London. Within five minutes, Herbert had secured the story and, as good luck would have it, we found that the little studio at Welwyn—surely the friendliest studio in the world—would be available for us.

And that was how "I Live in Grosvenor Square," first of the "London" series, came to life.

Rex Harrison played my English heart interest and Dean Jagger the American. Rex is a really fine actor, a joy to work with. But he is so much of a star personality that I was never at ease with him as I have been, for instance, with Ray Milland and Michael Wilding.

"I Live in Grosvenor Square" had the unique distinction of playing at The Empire and the adjacent Warner Theatre simultaneously.

One Saturday evening Herbert and I were at the Empire to study audience reaction when we heard over our shoulder an American voice saying to his girl: "The best film I have ever seen and I've seen it 18 times."

The girl replied: "You certainly are an Anna Neagle fan."

Imagine my feelings when he said: "Anna Neagle—nothing! Watch me do the jitterbug dance in the Rainbow Corner scene!"

Next came "Piccadilly Incident" and once again Herbert scoured Britain and America for a leading man.

As was the case with every film we contemplated, Michael Wilding's agent, Eric Goodhead, immediately submitted his name. We had already considered him for "The Yellow Canary" and "They Flew Alone," but our American distributors insisted upon someone known on the other side.

Eric Goodhead kept plugging away for Michael and persuaded us to see the film "Dear Octopus." After Michael's big scene, I turned to Herbert and said: "He's surely sheer perfection for the part." Herbert agreed.

Hollywood's Mistake

I was talking to my friend Ben Lyon the other day, when he told me he had also recommended Michael for a long-term contract with his American company on his performance in "Dear Octopus" and even sent the film over for them to see. Ben's Hollywood colleagues turned Michael down because "his neck was too long"!

Herbert asked to meet Michael, who said: "If it's to play in a film with Anna Neagle, I don't want to see the script, worry about my billing or know anything about the story."

Herbert replied: "The part's yours, if you like it." After this mutual exchange of confidence, we could hardly fail to get on well together.

Right from the start it was obvious that Michael had a heaven-sent quality of radiant charm and quiet sincerity, and after his first close-up Herbert remarked: "Why isn't he the biggest star in Britain?"

Apart from his charm and sincerity, Michael is a really fine, sensitive actor, comparable to someone the screen lost when poor Leslie Howard met his death.

Wonderful Luck

At the time of "Piccadilly Incident," Michael was under contract to another organisation, and Herbert, with a great deal of trepidation, inquired if they would release him.

They did so without hesitation and required nothing in the way of compensation or even an exchange of artists! This was possibly one of our best pieces of good fortune in careers studded with good luck.

When Herbert told Michael he was free from his other commitments and would like to sign him up for a three-year contract his reply was typical of his newly found confidence in Herbert. He said: "Make it 20 years and don't let's worry about a written contract."

You must remember that Michael was no novice in films at this point. He had made a number of pictures, but had not had the sympathetic understanding that Herbert gave him.

"Piccadilly Incident" topped every film we had made and also won for Herbert the National Film Award.

Surprise In Store

Then came, with increasing success, "The Courtneys of Curzon Street" (and again the National Film Award for Herbert), followed by the fabulous "Spring in Park Lane," where Michael really came into his own as a top-line screen comedian, and now "Maytime in Mayfair," which you will see very soon.

In "Maytime in Mayfair" you will, I think, have a pleasant surprise in the dance Michael and I do towards the end of the picture.

As you know, I am and always have been a dancer, but it is something quite new for Michael. In fact, he had never danced before "Spring in Park Lane," but in our new film he really has delighted even the experts who arranged the dance, Philip and Betty Buchel.

Michael's personality on the screen is precisely the same as it is off, and he is liked by everyone at the studio. He is an uncanny mimic of even the most obscure personalities but, unlike many mimics, is never cruel or vicious. In his complete lack of "side" and real humility, he is very like the late Tommy Handley.

The success of the "London" series is due to the fact that we were fortunate enough to unearth the real Michael Wilding; that I played myself instead of a character; and that I found in Michael my ideal screen partner.

Another success factor is that, beyond doubt, audiences prefer films with pleasant people. So do we.

Michael Wilding has since starred with Ingrid Bergman in "Under Capricorn," which will shortly be shown.

In New York recently, Ingrid told Herbert: "You're a very lucky man to have Michael Wilding under contract. I want to make more pictures with him."

A Striking Part

I have recently made "Elizabeth of Ladymead," in which Herbert has endeavoured to shock critics and audiences with a brash, worthless character of the 1920's. The critics did not approve, but I loved doing it.

With "Maytime in Mayfair" finished, we can relax for a short while...but only for a very short while, because there is always so much detailed planning to be done before a new film can be started. That Herbert has plans I need hardly say. I have never known him when he hasn't!

One of the most exciting and interesting experiences that I have had during this period was when I was chosen to do the commentary to Princess Elizabeth's Royal Wedding Film.

This was a rush job, but it turned out very well, and I treasure a compliment paid to me by Queen Mary when she saw it privately in a small theatre in Wardour-street.

"You spoke your words beautifully," she said, and, as I curtsied, my mind went back to the last time the Queen Mother had complimented me—at the showing of "Victoria the Great."

Then she said: "So you're the little lady who plays the Queen."

So much had happened before that event, so much struggle and heartbreak—success, disappointment and excitement. And so much has happened since.

Perhaps that is the most fascinating part of life in show business. Every day is a challenge to fresh effort.

I would not have missed a minute of it.

(To be Concluded next Sunday)

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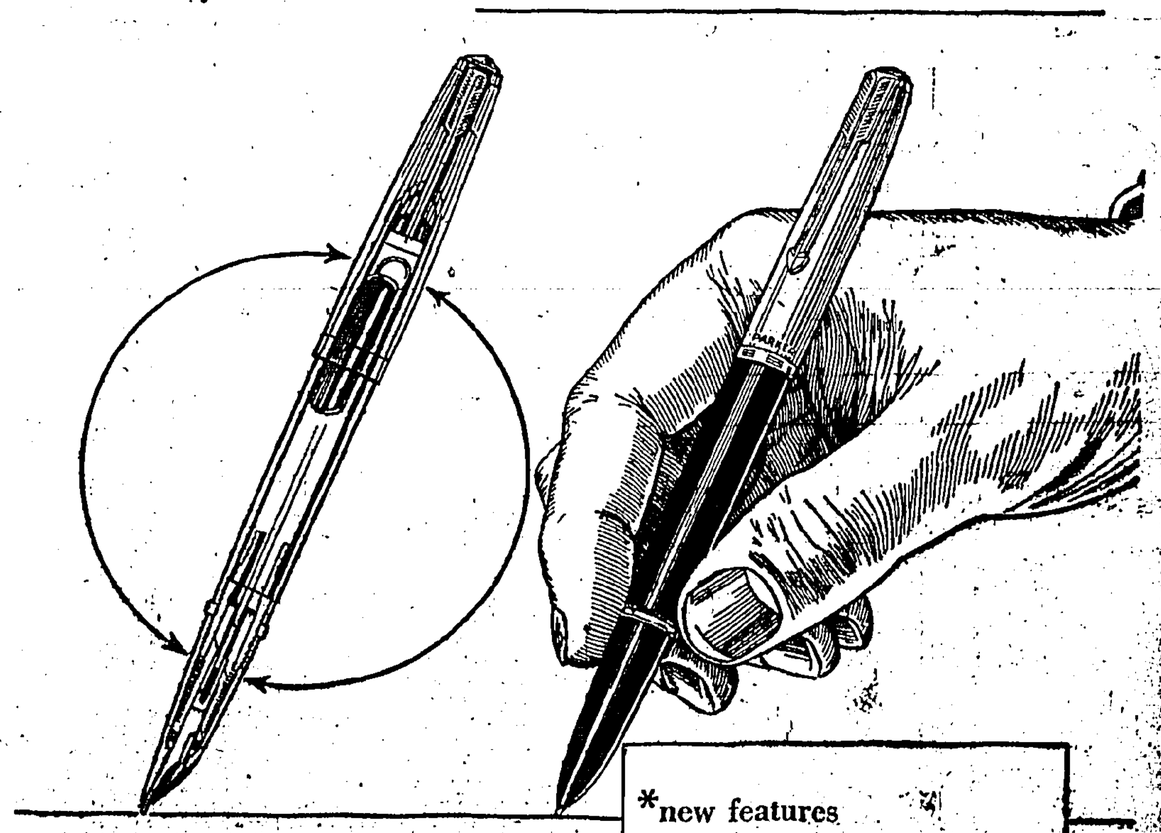

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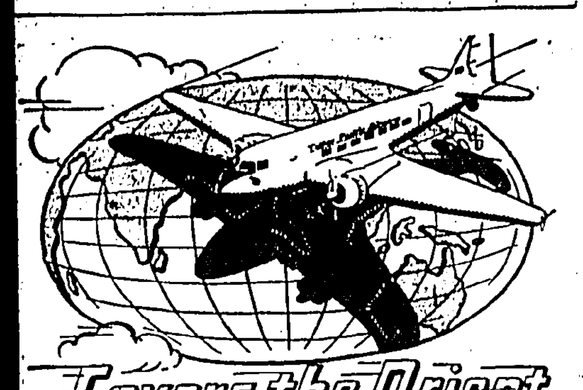

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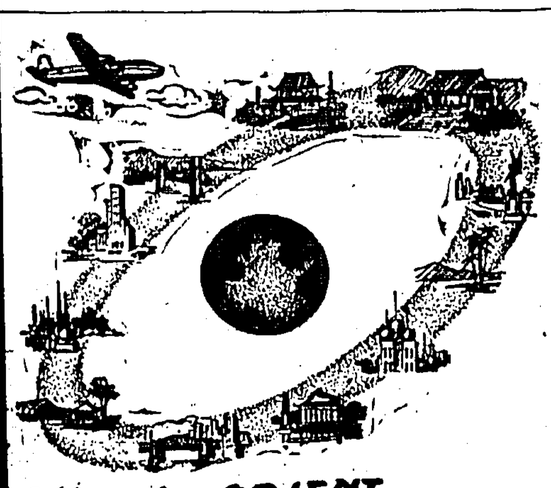

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WAR REPARATIONS

At a time when Hong Kong's citizens are wondering just what is in store for them, and when the authorities are assessing the degree of co-operation they can expect from the population in a possible emergency, anything which can be done to improve morale is emphatically to be commended.

The report carried in these columns today about war damage claims is the result of a request to government by this newspaper for an elucidation of the position. Answers to questions in the House of Commons in recent weeks have been so brief and indeed abrupt as to worsen an already difficult situation. Admittedly statements were made in the past, but in view of the revival of the matter on more than one occasion, the authorities might well have tried to counter the comments.

The present explanation of the official position is not entirely satisfactory, but it has some interesting points. If the Hong Kong government were itself to attempt to meet the claims, it would have to pay out $929,000,000—almost six times the total of this year's record budget—an obvious impossibility. The onus was to be placed on Japan to provide these sums through war reparation payments, but now it appears that American pressure has been successful in suspending these, although no peace treaty has yet been drafted. Many rightly regard this as deplorable, however tactical a move it may be, but that will not put money into anyone's pockets.

Faces naturally turn towards London, and it is no longer—if it ever was to those who felt they had a genuine grievance—sufficient to point to Britain's own devastating war ruination and austerity. Although Cripps has been unable to surmount the dollar deficit, the budget is not only balanced, but shows a material surplus in sterling. There seems no reason why part of this should not be used to meet Hong Kong's demands, if these could be justified, provided the claimants accepted sterling. Even if this were used to buy British products, it should not affect the export drive, as goods going to hard currency areas are already reserved.

It is pointed out that the Home government asks nothing from the Colony towards the cost of the military administration; that it will regard as a free grant advances of £3,250,000 made before and after the establishment of civil government here; that it is giving £1,000,000 towards resolving post-war problems and £3,000,000 for the construction of the new airport. All this, however, does not obviously and directly benefit persons claiming war damage.

On the whole, it looks as if the United Kingdom would have sympathetically considered an approach from Hong Kong on this matter, but the local government, perhaps wanting to avoid getting into deep and tricky waters, has refused to make the approach. There is no doubt the [illegible] highly complicated, involving requisitioning, Japanese shelling, Allied bombing, looting, deterioration etc., not to mention the controversial question—was it voluntarily sold by collaborators or commandeered by the enemy?

At the risk of antagonising the few, our authorities might well have gone into more details regarding their reasons for inaction. The disgruntled applicants should now resign themselves to await the far-off day when the Japanese peace treaty is signed, in the thin hope that the merits of reparations will then be considered anew.

Political Societies, Immigration And Shanghai

By H.G.W. Woodhead C.B.E.

During the past week the Government has introduced into the Legislative Council a long-overdue Bill to ban the activities of all political Societies in this Colony which are affiliated with political parties abroad.

Heavy penalties including fines and imprisonment are to be imposed upon persons found to be managing or assisting in the management, or who are members, or attend meetings, of any unlawful Society, and drastic powers are conferred upon the Police Commissioner and selected Officers of the Police, to enforce the ban.

They may not only refuse registration of alien-controlled Societies; responsible Police Officers may enter premises suspected of being used as meeting-places of members of unlawful Societies, and arrest all inmates and seize all documents, etc. found upon such premises.

Suspected members of unlawful Societies may be summoned before the responsible Police Officers and required to give any information in their possession, or alternatively, be finger-printed, photographed, and detained.

No provision, however, appears to have been made in the new Ordinance for the banishment of persons convicted under it, an oversight which, I think, ought to be rectified at the final reading. A further omission is provision for the cancellation of registration of newspapers and periodicals financed and controlled by external political organs.

One local contemporary has voiced the opinion that the new Ordinance will only apply to the Kuomintang, and will in no way affect the Chinese Communist Party "as they are not organised as a group, nor do they maintain in the Colony a branch unit of the Communist Party in China."

While the Kuomintang will—and in view of its past mischievous activities certainly ought to—be banned, I do not interpret the Ordinance to mean that Communist and other subversive societies will be immune from the ban. There are known to be large numbers of Chinese Reds in the Colony, and at least one newspaper is undoubtedly a Communist organ.

If the Communist Party is included in the ban, activities of its members, whether organised as a group, or maintained as a branch unit, will certainly come within the scope of the Ordinance. The Government can hardly be so naive as to suppose that the Communist Party would openly apply for registration.

If the interpretation of the Ordinance mentioned above were correct all that the Kuomintang would have to do to carry on its activities would be to dissolve its headquarters in Queen's Road Central. It is obvious that the ban is to extend to "all organisations of a political nature which are not domestic in character but are outposts for foreign manoeuvre and interference"—to quote the actual words of the Attorney General.

Unrestricted Immigration.

Judging from a recent Reuter cable, the Colonial Office is still considering the registration of immigrants to Hong Kong. It seems high time that the consideration bore some fruit. Recent events in the border areas—the murder of Police Officers on a Patrol Launch, and the murder of a Chinese constable at a Police Station near the border, and seizure of the Station's armament—suggest that it has become imperative to take comprehensive military measures on the land and sea frontiers.

The argument in another contemporary that control of unrestricted immigration is impracticable, is tantamount to admitting that prevention of invasion by Communist units is also impracticable.

The 1940 Ordinance was never given a fair trial, with the admitted result that when Japan attacked the Colony its population had been increased by 750,000 refugees. Even so the total population in December 1941 was considerably less than it is today. And another influx of the same proportions would completely paralyse the local administration.

Hong Kong, Kowloon and the Leased Territories cannot conceivably house, feed, and find employment for another three quarters of a million Chinese. Problems of policing, sanitation, and water supply for such an influx would greatly exceed in magnitude the admittedly complex problem of putting a stop to uncontrolled immigration.

The reinforcements now en route, or about to be dispatched to Hong Kong should be more than adequate to control the land and sea frontiers, and if registration of the population became necessary, the difficulties would not be insuperable.

It was, I believe, carried out in Canton, where the local authorities could not be expected to act with the same efficiency as in a British Colony. It is surely a policy of defeatism to argue, in face of the grave emergency that will undoubtedly confront Hong Kong if the Communists reach Canton, that nothing can be done to check the influx of unwanted immigrants.

The security of Hong Kong demands that some system of immigration control be devised and enforced before the Colony's population problem has attained uncontrollable proportions.

A situation can readily be imagined in which an influx of refugees would face Hong Kong with a situation just as critical as would the withdrawal of the garrison from the frontier, and tacit permission to the Red Armies to "walkover" the Leased Territories.

Does anyone seriously suggest that if there were an outbreak of, say, pneumonic plague in Canton or its neighbourhood, the Hong Kong authorities would fold their hands and state that restrictions upon immigration into the Colony from the infected area were impracticable? A mass influx of undesirables would be just as dangerous to the Colony as plague carriers.

Shanghai

The torment of Shanghai continues, with every indication that hostilities in and around that unhappy city will reach their climax during the coming week.

The most ominous news at the time of writing is that shells from the Pootung side are falling in the former French Concession, and in the Yangtsepoo district. Shanghai's most important public utilities—the Power Station and the Waterworks—are located in the latter area.

If the Power Station were put out of action the position in Shanghai would be catastrophic. An area in which there is an estimated population of some 6,000,000 persons would be deprived of light, water for domestic, drainage and fire-fighting purposes) telephones, trams, refrigerating plans, and power for what factories continue to operate.

One can only imagine with dismay what would happen in a huge city without any form of illumination in its streets, and without any water supply other than the contaminated Whangpoo and the Soochow Creek. It is to be hoped that China's major city will be spared this extreme calamity.

The disasters that would ensue from incendiarism, looting, and disease if Shanghai's major public utilities were seriously damaged or destroyed might well convert the city into a plague-stricken, smouldering desert.

Even if these utilities escape shell-fire or sabotage, their operations are likely to be jeopardised by fuel shortage. Neither liquid fuel nor coal in sufficient quantities can be delivered if the Whangpoo continues to be closed to ocean shipping, or if the trip up river, become too hazardous for tankers and colliers.

THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE

By SCRUTATOR

What is the significance of the Council of Europe, the Statute of which was signed in London recently by the representatives of 10 Governments?

Two features distinguish it sharply from an organisation like that under the North Atlantic Defence Pact.

First, matters relating to national defence are excluded from its scope. That is why Sweden, which shrank from committing herself under the Pact for fear of offending Russia, has felt that nobody should take offence at her joining the Council.

Secondly, membership is confined to countries in which the rule of law and the enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms are not limited by the exercise of arbitrary power.

That seems to be why Portugal, whose membership was important for the Pact, is not a member of the Council of Europe. Thus the new body takes in the five Brussels Powers, plus Italy and Eire; while Greece and Turkey, which are not "Atlantic" but are "European," will be admitted at the Council's first meeting.

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The organisation comprises two separate organs. The first, which is executive, is a Committee of Ministers; there is to be one Minister apiece (normally the Foreign Minister) from each country.

The second, which is deliberative, is much larger; the United Kingdom, France and Italy are each to have 18 representatives; Belgium, Holland and Sweden, six each; Norway, Denmark and Eire, four each; down to tiny Luxembourg with three.

This larger body, called the Consultative Assembly, has no functions save public discussion and the ventilation of ideas upon subjects either referred to it by the Committee or approved for its agenda by that body.

It is left to the Government of each member State to decide how its representatives shall be appointed; in Britain, as Mr. Morrison announced they are to be taken from both Houses of Parliament, including members of the Opposition.

Much To Criticise

In examining the skeleton features of this scheme few will find much to criticise in the Committee of Ministers. To bring the Foreign Ministers of 10 or 12 different countries together at fairly frequent intervals for private discussion and consultation upon constructive projects is a plan in itself plainly calculated to further peaceful progress.

The Assembly is a different matter. Some body of the kind has been felt by its advocates to be necessary, if the idea of European co-operation is to be saved from stagnating in the privacy of the Committee.

On the other hand the representatives (who are irremovable during a session) will enjoy a degree of irresponsibility which some of them—particularly those drawn from Continental countries where the private member of Parliament dominates—are very likely to abuse.

"Blowing off steam" in politics has its risks at all times; so have log-rolling and back-scratching; and they are perhaps least desirable in the field of foreign affairs. It is to be hoped that the control over the Assembly's agenda wielded by the Committee of Ministers may suffice to keep them within bounds.

Enthusiasts for a European federation will [illegible] the Committee the form of a European Government and in the Assembly that of a European Parliament.

For the present it is more practical to take the new institution as we find it, and to examine it for what it may be worth.

Major international institutions are being multiplied. Great Britain, for instance, has become involved in four

(a) United Nations;
(b) Western Union;
(c) the Atlantic Pact; and now
(d) the Council of Europe.

To these may be added the International Labour Office, together with the various economic bodies developed in connection with Marshall Aid, and those with economic or cultural aims formed under the auspices of the United Nations.

Now the Council of Europe differs from the other three of those above termed "major" international institutions, in that it is not concerned with war or defence.

Bulwark Of Peace

The United Nations was founded to be a bulwark of world peace, and to prevent the development, from whatever source, of a third world war. Western Union and the Atlantic Pact were reactions to a more specific peril; their purpose was to discourage and if necessary defeat the imminent threat of aggression by Soviet Russia.

The Council of Europe has no such military scope. And yet it too, like the others, is formed to avert a danger. Only in this case the danger is economic and cultural.

It is the danger inherent in excessive disunion, the weakening of Europe's material and spiritual productivity by her "Balkanisation," by the multiplying of trade barriers, by restrictive frontier regulations, by insufficient standardising, by the narrow separation and provincialism and self-isolation which are the reality behind so many nationalist facades.

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Here it will be seen that the functions of what above we called the minor bodies are much less clearly distinguished from those of the newcomer. [illegible]

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Air Lift Bonus Is Still To Come

By MICHAEL RANDALL

It will take Berlin a long time to get used to the silence in the night.

For the last 11 months the city has gone to sleep to the steady drone of aircraft engines—a drone maintained every minute of the 24 hours, fair or foul, rain or shine.

Now it is almost over.

They said the air lift was impossible. As an exercise in logistics, the slide rule proved that the idea of supplying a city by air—5,000 tons a day was the minimum required to keep Berlin alive—was fantastic.

It was as fantastic as were some of the wartime miracles, and once again men using machines proved that the difficult can be done immediately, and the impossible takes only a little longer.

In achieving the impossible, British and American airmen have made nearly 200,000 flights to Berlin, carried more than 1,500,000 tons of food, coal, oil, machinery and raw materials, and flown 80,000,000 miles in all weathers, through summer, autumn, winter and far into the spring.

Deflated Egos

If that has raised cheers from the Western world, it must have deflated many egos behind the Iron Curtain. Not only was it a blow to Russia's attempts at high-pressure diplomacy, but it was a startling revelation of British and American air power.

The air lift was started with worn-out aircraft. It was continued with replacements from British and American industry running at less than one-tenth of wartime potential.

At the outset, many crews were less than half-trained and the number of veterans employed was small. Yet Berlin survived.

It was not done without cost to the British and American taxpayer. The British and U.S. Treasuries have had to dig deep to pay for the 85,000,000 gallons of petrol burned up on the trips, for the hundreds of aircraft flown until they almost dropped to pieces, and for the myriads of ground personnel who operated the maintenance service which kept them flying.

But it was cheaper than blasting a way through to Berlin with an armoured division. It prevented a shooting war, and its successful conclusion has made the international situation healthier than at any time since 1945.

It has been an almost bloodless victory. There is no higher tribute to the efficiency of the organisation set up by the British and American Air Forces than the casualty figures of 10 planes involved in fatal accidents in nearly 200,000 trips, under conditions which at times would have shaken even the most hardened of wartime bomber crews.

Theories Proved

Quite apart from the tremendous prestige value of the lift, and the diplomatic advantages that have been gained, the airfields of Berlin have been the proving ground for many theories on the application of large-scale aerial freight-carrying.

The benefit of the lessons learned will be applied both in peace and, if necessary, in war.

For centuries British sea power has prevented the blockade of British possessions.

The potentials of British and American air power, as revealed by the air lift, now mean that it will be practically impossible for a future enemy to cut off supplies from a besieged garrison anywhere in the world.

Had we been able to mount such an operation in 1941 and 1942 it would never have been necessary for the island population and the British garrison of Malta to tighten their belts on a small tin of bully beef and four dry biscuits a week.

One of the most significant developments, which will be of tremendous benefit to both civil and military aviation in the future, was the split-second precision of the traffic control system in action over Berlin.

This system, worked out by RAF technicians and operated by British and American airfield controllers, permitted heavily-laden aircraft to land at the rate of one every 90 seconds, 24 hours a day.

Thirty-Second Limit

So continuous was the stream of aircraft into Gatow and Tempelhof, and so meticulous the planning involved, that the captain of each aircraft was given a pre-arranged landing time before he took off from base. If he was going to be more than 30 seconds outside that time on touching down his permission to land was refused and it was not possible for him to go round again and join the queue. He returned to base to be allocated another landing time.

The landing rate of one every 90 seconds has never been even remotely approached by the crack international airfields—Heathrow in London, Idlewild in New York, Schiphol in Amsterdam, Le Bourget in Paris.

If civil air traffic is ever to reach the dimensions prophesied for it, the lessons the controllers learned at Gatow and Tempelhof will have to be applied.

Civil air crews and private charter companies, who were called in to help and did a valiant job augmenting the military air efforts, will join with mixed feelings in the general rejoicings that "Operation Plainfare" has been successfully concluded.

Crews Scarce

Before the lift began there was a surplus of air crew. In the last few months civilian four-engine pilots have become even scarcer than Mr. Molotov's affirmatives.

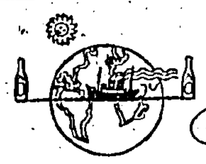
The termination of the lift must inevitably mean that many of the charter companies will be forced out of business, and that the unemployment rate will rise.

As yet there is not sufficient air freight traffic to keep all the charter companies fully engaged.

But this may be only a temporary recession. The air lift has proved beyond all doubt that large-scale air freighting on a commercial basis is possible, provided aircraft specially designed for the job are used.

The brunt of the load to Berlin was carried by that gallant old warrior the Dakota, but the most successful of the medium-sized aircraft employed were Britain's Bristol freighter and America's Fairchild packet, both specially designed for freight carrying.

The lift has also proved that it is better to employ a small number of very large aircraft than a large number of small aircraft.



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CHURCHILL ATTACKS LABOUR GOVERNMENT

"Lamentable Disasters" In India And Burma

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Glasgow, May 20.

Britain's wartime Prime Minister, Mr. Winston Churchill, returned to the attack on the Labour Government tonight when he blamed it for the "lamentable disasters" in India, Burma and Palestine.

"The Conservative Party cannot be held responsible for these disasters," he told a mass meeting of 20,000 Conservatives, "but we are bound all the same to face the consequences. We have no choice but to accept what has happened. We must look to the future and try our utmost to do the best for all."

Mr. Churchill said the Conservatives accept the Labour Government's recent accord with the Commonwealth countries to let a Republican India remain in the Commonwealth and its general treatment of the Irish question, but, he declared, the Labour Party has brought British prestige to its lowest ebb for centuries.

MR. CHURCHILL

"South American republics twist the Lion's tail in the Antarctic. The Albanians mine British warships and kill our sailors. Israeli aircraft shoot down Royal Air Force fighters, and the Chinese Red Army fire upon the British Fleet with impunity and drive it back.

"The sooner the Ministers are dismissed from office the sooner shall we regain our self-respect and command the respect of others."

Mr. Churchill said: "Lamentable disasters have occurred in India, Burma and Palestine which might easily have been avoided by wise and competent handling of our affairs.

"The Conservative Party cannot be held responsible for these disasters," he said. "It was this conviction which led me to accept, on behalf of the Conservative Party, the settlement ment which has been reached about India and Commonwealth affairs and about the relations between the nations and states of our world-wide associations and the King, who is its supreme head, and to save by every means in our power whatever can be rescued in this period off temporary decline and eclipse.

"We accept the settlement which has been made with the agreement of the Empire or Commonwealth Prime Ministers gathered in London, under which India will come forward as a Republic within the circle of our Commonwealth, and we will do all we can to crown this remarkable adventure with success."

"Logical End"

Mr. Churchill said the Conservatives had not hesitated to support the Government "in their general treatment of the strange events which have happened in Southern Ireland, whereby an Irish Republic has been proclaimed, although we are not to treat Southern Irish as aliens.

"We attach, however, vital importance to the statutory declaration of the determination of Great Britain that the people of Ulster shall not be forced out of the United Kingdom against their will."

Mr. Churchill said that the logical end of British Socialism is a Communist-like state. He bitterly attacked the Labour party's policies of state ownership.

He said Britain was guilty of folly in turning him out of office in favour of the Socialising Labour Party four years ago.

"The only logical end to the Socialist road is the uniformity of the Communist system from the brutality and tyranny of which the Socialists themselves recoil in disgust," Mr. Churchill asserted.

Mr. Churchil accused the Labour Party leaders of having derided and reviled the capitalist economy of the U.S.

"But they are living on them and begging from them while at the same time they abuse them," he said.

Tribute To U.S.

He said the U.S. is "beyond doubt or question the leading power in the world" and has used its power "only for further self-sacrifice and exertion in the world cause of peace and freedom."

"I am proud to pay them my tribute of gratitude and admiration" Mr. Churchill added.

"I am glad to feel that what I said three years ago at Fulton in the U.S. and two year ago at Zurich has now, after some hesitation and boggling by the Government, become the proclaimed policy of the State and that a military alliance with the U.S. and the policy of a United Europe have become actual accomplished facts," he said.

Mr. Churchill praised the Foreign Secretary, Ernest Bevin, "for standing up to so much unpopularity among his own supporters in order to carry into effect a coherent and courageous scheme of action on which indeed all our lives may hang."

Fateful Year

Only a small part of his speech was devoted to foreign affairs. He did not mention the big four Foreign Ministers' Council which meets next Monday in Paris to discuss peace with Germany.

He accused the Labour Government of engineering a "dismal sequel to the victory we won four years ago" and said the Labour Party has brought Britain "lower among men than it has been for centuries".

"This is a fateful year for this Island," he said, "because the voters will be confronted with so grave a choice between two ideas of government.

"The choice," Mr. Churchill said, "is between the rigid levelling way of Socialism or the Conservative way of free and flexible progress."—Reuter and Associated Press.

Election Talk Discounted

London, May 20.

Newspaper speculation on the possibility of a General Election in the autumn and an early Cabinet reshuffle is discredited by authoritative quarters.

These quarters state that the Prime Minister, Mr. Clement Attlee, does not contemplate either an autumn General Election or an early reconstruction of the Government.—Reuter.

HONG KONG BASE STORY REPUDIATED

Washington, May 20.

A United States Navy Department spokesman said today that the Department has no knowledge of any British offer to the United States to use Hong Kong as a base in China.

Mr. Drew Pearson, the American columnist, had reported that the United States Navy had declined a British offer "because the American Embassy in Nanking had warned that the Chinese Communists aimed at driving the British out of Hong Kong even at the risk of war."—Reuter.

The Council Of Europe

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Take, for instance, the Organisation for European Economic Co-operation (OEEC), which represents all the European States in receipt of Marshall Aid, and has rendered such invaluable service.

Such a body is shielded from rash interference by Article 23 of the Council's Statute, but the two concerns can hardly be left to go each its way as though the other did not exist. For the Committee and the Assembly are not to be conceived as engaged in talk only.

The Committee, which is executive, is to have under it a considerable staff, for which Strasbourg has already been chosen as the headquarters.

The selection of this city at the extreme edge of France towards Germany has a very important bearing on the new scheme.

The Statute of the Council provides for a special status of "associate" membership. Any State which is an associate member will be entitled to representation on the Consultative Assembly, but not on the Committee of Ministers.

This is to meet the case of Germany. Germany cannot be represented on the Committee of Ministers, because she is not at present a sovereign State, but under foreign military occupation.

The new Federal Government for Western Germany, which may perhaps be on its feet in two months' time, will discharge very important functions with, it is hoped, the minimum of foreign interference.

But in international matters control will remain. At the same time it is most desirable that on the new body the voice of Germany should be heard; and this will be achieved by giving her seats in the Consultative Assembly.

Here may be—who knows?—the seed of that Franco-German reconciliation which could do so much for Europe's future. Much requires yet to be changed on both sides before it can come into sight. But it is something, at least, if the two nations are brought even for limited purposes under the same umbrella. The economic key may open other doors than its own. The crux is the future of the Ruhr, and perhaps the value of the new organisation will eventually be measured by its success or failure in reaching a concordat upon that.

American Policy In Asia Criticised

New York, May 20.

The "Times" finds the Secretary of State, Dean Acheson's, reasons for turning down a Pacific defence pact at the present time "convincing insofar as they relate specifically to a pact modelled after the North Atlantic treaty."

But, the editorial says, Mr. Acheson is on less firm ground when he contends that a Pacific pact must await the setting of the present Asian internal conflicts.

It said there is a wide difference between the European and Asiatic spheres, and in Europe there is a relatively higher degree of political homogenity that does not obtain in the Pacific.

The editorial says: "Most states of Western Europe, relatively mature and stable politically, have corresponding political institutions and, in the main, a common political philosophy. That is not the case in Asia."

But concerning the argument that Asian internal troubles must be settled before a Pacific pact is possible, the "Times" said: "Some of the threat to the security and stability of Asia is arising precisely out of internal conflicts upon whose resolution Mr. Acheson and Pandit Nehru would wait."

"The "Times" continued: "Leaving quite aside the controversial case of China, there is a grave threat in the condition such as exist in Burma or in the Malayan attempt at terrorism.

Grave Threat

"Moreover, in such cases as in the case of Ho Chi-minh in Indo-China, the dividing line between internal and external is not entirely clear."

The editorial says: "The gravity of the threat cannot be ignored. If a Pacific pact 'modelled after the North Atlantic treaty' is not feasible then some other measures must be devised and some other steps taken to hold our ground.

If we cannot achieve the 'effective collaboration' that made European integration possible, we can at least avoid a policy of hopefully doing nothing.

"The fact that we feel obliged to eschew and discourage any attempt to reach a Pacific pact should not deter us from insisting that we still believe in resistance to aggressive Communist expansion. Eventually, that very resistance may develop in Asia the type of collaboration that made possible our defensive measures in Europe." — United Press.

CHIFLEY MADE A MISTAKE

Canberra, May 20.

Mr. Joseph Chifley, Australian Prime Minister, today corrected an earlier statement that Australia has been asked to divert shipping normally used for emigration to convey soldiers' wives from Hong Kong to Malaya.

The earlier statement was made in Parliament in reply to a question whether Australia is doing anything to assist in Hong Kong.

He said he was discussing a request with the Immigration Minister, Mr. Arthur Calwell.

"We are not considering making the aircraft-carrier HMAS Sydney available for Hong Kong defence," the Premier added. "We have had no request."

Mr. Chifley said that in some cases fears of a possible attack on Hong Kong are "exaggerated."

After the Parliamentary session Mr. Chifley called the Press together and said there had been a misunderstanding regarding the diversion of shipping to take British soldiers' wives to Malaya.

Mr. Chifley said Australia had been asked to agree to a ship usually used for migrants to be diverted to take soldiers' dependents from Britain to Singapore.

"The ship is not to evacuate wives from Hong Kong to Malaya," he said, and added that the ship will probably be the 27,268-ton Georgic.—Reuter.

NO RUN ON TINNED GOODS

A survey of most of the groceries in Hong Kong yesterday discounted the rumour of a tinned food buying spree.

Shop-keepers told the "Sunday Herald" that they have not experienced increased sales recently. In fact, they added, business was deteriorating.

Only the rice dealers, edible oil and firewood sellers report increased sales during the past week.

Mrs. Z. New had a gold bar confiscated by Mr. Blair Kerr at Kowloon yesterday for importing gold without a licence.

Defendant arrived from Shanghai on Thursday by plane and the gold was found in her hand bag. Gold rings found on her were returned at Kai Tak by Revenue Officer.

Defendant was cautioned.

AID TO CAMP INMATES

The "Sunday Herald" learned from a reliable source yesterday that help will be given to inmates of the Eastern section of the Ma Tau Chung Camp should they be unable to find accommodation.

The whole camp was recently issued with a three-week notice to quit. While the destitutes in Camp No. 2—have been assured of an alternative site, probably at North Point, no indication of any assistance for the Eastern Camp inmates—semi-destitutes—was then made to them.

The Ma Tau Chung Camp site is required as billets for military reinforcements coming out from Home.

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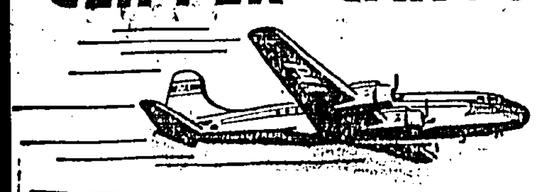

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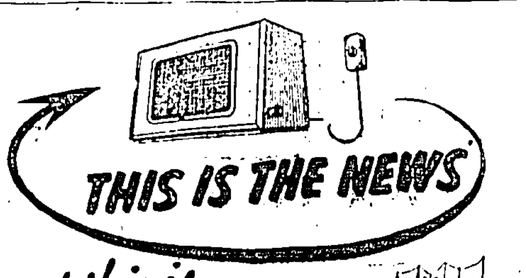

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TITO PUTS THE BLAME ON RUSSIA

Belgrade, May 20.

Marshal Josef Tito, the Yugoslav Premier, speaking on his country's relations with the Eastern bloc today, declared that the responsibility of the present situation falls, in the first place, on Soviet Russia.

"Russia must realise that she has made a mistake and repair it," he added.

Marshal Tito was addressing the last session of a conference of the members of his old Communist Guard Division in Belgrade. He said: "In spite of everything, our situation is not bad."

Speaking of the tasks of the Yugoslav Army, Marshal Tito declared: "We have seized power as the first part of our task. Now there remains the fight with the gross enemy, towards whom we must be vigilant, especially as our 'allies' are going to try to weaken our Army since they cannot destroy it.

"If there are some hundred of persons whose opinions differ from 98 per cent of the population, they do not represent anything. Such elements must be removed and we will remove them."

Marshal Tito expressed confidence that the bitter feud between the East and the West will not breed war in the immediate future.

He declared that a war will not happen soon "because the powers are unprepared and the people in the imperialistic countries are unwilling to fight."

He refused to rule out, however, the possibility of a war in the distant future.

Socialist Goal

The guard troops pledged anew their devotion and allegiance with frequent cries of "Tito Hero, Tito Hero."

In perhaps his firmest words about Russia to date, Tito blamed Russia for the increasingly bitter relations between Yugoslavia and its Cominform neighbours.

"But", he said, "we are going along the way of building up Socialism and nothing can stop us. They should understand that."

He added: "We have no powerful radio stations and our propaganda has not the means they have, but our greatest power is truth and truth is going to be victorious."

At one point Tito cautioned his guards to be alert against infiltration of the army by both "class enemies" and the disciples of the Cominform.

He said that infiltration is very small. But, he added, "in the Army there cannot be anyone who has a different opinion from the 98 per cent of the members of the people's front and the Communist Party."—Reuter and Associated Press.

ECHO OF WAR

Oslo, May 20.

A British one-man submarine was raised from the bottom of Bergen Harbour today for preservation in the Bergen Shipping Museum.

The submarine was sunk by the Germans after it had attacked shipping in the harbour with three other submarines, in October, 1943.—Reuter.

REPRIEVE FOR YOUNG NEGRO

Montgomery, Alabama, May 20.

A Negro, aged 22 who has been saved 15 times from the electric chair by reprieves or court action, had his death sentence commuted today to life imprisonment.

The Negro, Samuel Taylor, had represented himself at his trial as a victim of racial prejudice. The young Negro himself had insisted from the start that he was innocent and that a confession, which was used against him at his trial, had been forced from him by the police.

The Governor of Alabama gave no reason for sparing the young Negro's life.—Reuter.

Mayhew To Be Married

London, May 21.

The father of Christopher Mayhow, British Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, confirmed yesterday that the diplomat, aged 33, plans to wed a girl he met a forthight ago.

She is Miss Cicely Ludlam, aged 25, a member of the permanent United Kingdom delegation in Geneva.

Mr. Mayhew's father, Sir Basil Mayhew, told reporters:

"My son telephoned me with the news last night. It came as a big surprise but was good news. I have not even seen Miss Ludlam's photograph."

Mr. Mayhew is in Geneva as Chief of the British delegation to the UN Economic Commission for Europe.—Associated Press.

IMMIGRATION BILL DEAD

Manila, May 20.

The reciprocal immigration bill directed against Australia is dead although the Senate passed the Atienza bill which the House previously approved.

Senate leaders said the bill died because a Senate amendment exempting aliens married to Filipions was not concurred in by the House before the congressional session ended last night midnight.

The House version stipulated that no alien shall be admitted or allowed to remain in the Philippines unless his country extends the same privileges to Filipinos.

The Senate tried to soften the bill but the House never had a chance to consider the amendment because Congress adjorned less than an hour after the bill was passed by the Senate.—United Press.

WESTERN EUROPE DEFENCE

Important Decision To Be Made By U.S.

Frontiers In The "Heart Of Europe"

Washington, May 21.

The United States Congress in its current hearings on the Atlantic Alliance is slowly but certainly drawing nearer to the day when it must decide one of the most important questions in history.

This is—how and along what line shall America defend the integrity of Europe.

This, in the opinion of the best informed circles, is the pervading but comparatively unpublicised issue raised by the Pact and the accompanying Administration proposal for European arms aid.

It is a question which the Treaty itself does not answer, for, as the ECA Roving Ambassador, Averill Harriman, said in his testimony before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee: "You cannot put all the details in a treaty."

The Secretary of State, Dean Acheson's, recommendation for a $1,130,000,000 lease-lend programme does not answer it either, since the plan is acknowledged by the Administration to be no more and no less than an attempt to help Europe fill in the gaps in its own military production during the coming year.

Both the pact and the aid proposal are considered powerful moral deterrents to potential Communist aggression if carried through, but neither answers the question—of large importance to Europeans—of where the Western world will make its stand, or with what initial forces. The closest authoritative answer to the first query so far has been the statement of the United States Army Chief of Staff, General Omar Bradley, that "our frontiers of collective defence lie in common with (those of other pact signatories) in the heart of Europe."

General Bradley warned that another attack on a European Coast already occupied by the enemy, such as the Normandy landing of World War II, will be such a costly and hazardous operation that he hopes he will never be called upon to participate in it.

He is doubtless aware of the European adage that "to liberate the Continent again would be to liberate a corpse."

Already Decided

His testimony indicated that the United States military authorities have made a policy decision on this point to help defend Europe from within rather than from without. But this is as far as the military establishment or the executive branch of the Government can go. The point within the "heart of Europe" where a Western defence line can be established and held will of necessity be determined to an important extent by Congressional, not executive decisions, through amounts of aid given and authority granted. And, these problems are full of potential political dynamite.

They are already being investigated with considerable satisfaction by some of those most sceptical of the Atlantic Pact, such as Senator Forrest C. Donnell of Missouri, who loses no opportunity to ask Administration witnesses testifying in support of the Alliance whether United States troops must be maintained in Europe to assure its security, and if so under what authority and in what numbers.

Mr. Donnell also sometimes inquires as to what ultimate limits have been placed, if any, on United States spending for European defence, and whether the funds asked for the current year are not in fact merely a small down-payment.

Civilian Administration officials have successfully evaded the troops question by responding that it is a matter for the military to decide. But General Bradley in his own testimony said the army has made no study on how many divisions would be necessary to stop Russia at the Rhine.

Of course, it is quite probable that military officers can and will give more exact information along these lines in closed hearings than they are willing to make public.

40 Divisions

Best available opinion here is that at least 40 divisions would be necessary to stop, even momentarily, a Russian attack on Western Europe in force.

While no accurate figures are obtainable here, as to what percentage of that force European Pact signatories could muster on short notice, it is expected to be something less than the total—particularly if present admonitions that rearmament is not to interfere with economic recovery are heeded.

General Bradley has said the Treaty would not require large groups of United States troops on duty in Europe. But his suggestion that even some should be maintained there is expected to be valuable political ammunition for isolationist opponents of the Pact.

In addition, it raises the question of whether the presumed committal of such a force to action immediately upon attack, and possibly prior to a United States declaration of war, would be a violation of the Constitution. Administration officials are believed to have some ideas in mind on this point, which has not yet been broached to Congress.

One alternative mentioned privately would be the establishment of a composite force from all Atlantic Alliance signatories responsible for European protection under unified command, outlines of which already exist in "Uniforce" headquarters now established at Fontainebleu.

Such a force would in many respects be similar to that envisaged for the United Nations under the Charter, but which so far has not been formed. Authoritative circles believe the United States portion thereof might be granted authority to protect itself without constitutional complications, and immediately after it was attacked Congress presumably would have minimum difficulty in obtaining public support for a general declaration of war.

Another Plan

A variation of this plan, which has been mentioned, would provide for a thin "screen" of United States troops along Western European boundaries, whose attack by a hostile power would serve the same purpose of establishing de facto existence of a state of war, and bring full United States power to bear on the aggressor.

But it is considered unlikely that Congress will approve any such procedure in explicit words. Instead, a possibility is that following approval of the Alliance and some arms lend-lease assistance, the question of troops will be evaded by merely continuing to maintain occupation forces in Germany, where the United States public already accepts their presence.

Their later integration with European units if considered desirable might be accomplished also without extreme domestic political reaction.—United Press.

GERMANS DEFY BRITISH ORDER

Hanover, May 20.

West German politicians today twice defied British Military Government orders and met delegates of the Soviet zone's "People's Council" in Hanover cafes.

British officials, supported by German police, stopped the first meeting in the railway cafe and took the names of those present. The delegates then assembled again in a cafe near the station, some declaring that they were only meeting for private discussions.

A press conference which they announced they would hold was also banned by the Military Government.

British officials said that the meeting was prohibited because the sponsoring authority, the "Acting Committee Of Youth For Unified Germany", is not registered with them.

Although the meeting was banned they could not prevent the Soviet zone delegates travelling to Hanover privately.—Reuter.

Malta, May 20.

A tomb containing four skeletons, believed to be 2,000 years old, has been discovered by workmen in the Maltese hill-top town of Maxxar.—Reuter.

General Bradley To Visit Japan

Washington, May 20.

Officials sources today said that General Omar Bradley, U. S. Army Chief of Staff, is planning to visit Japan as soon as possible.

They added, however, that the multitude of problems at present facing the Joint Chiefs of Staff make it impossible even to estimate when General Bradley will be able to make the trip.

General Bradley is most anxious to go to Japan to inspect Army installations and operations there, but he has been repeatedly forced to postpone his visit because of other matters.

General Bradley made numerous plans for the trip as late as last month but these had been put off by the pressure of events in the European theatre of operations. The schedule for the April visit had been set up and approved, when it was found necessary to call it off because of German developments.

The Chief of Staff's visit is not concerned with any specific matter but will be a routine inspection which he feels he should make in that area.

General Bradley has laid plans three times for a Far Eastern visit since he became Chief of Staff more than two years ago, but something has always intervened to make it impossible.—United Press.

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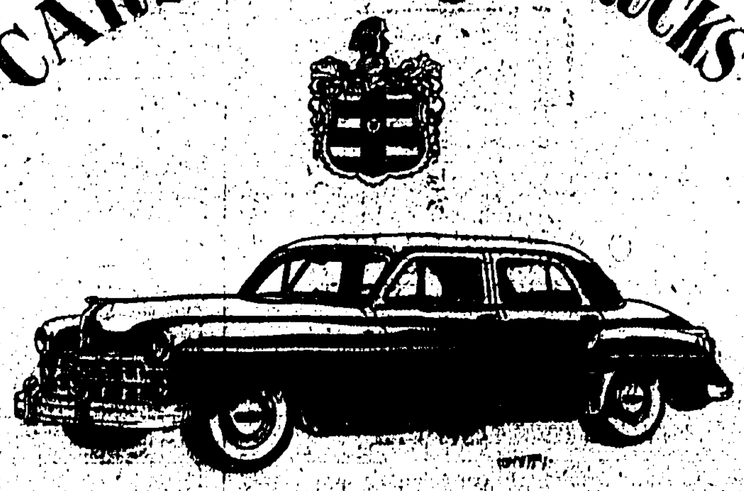

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Jungle Communism

By The Rt. Hon. ANTHONY EDEN M.C., M.P.

It is of little use to consider the problem of Malaya in isolation. It is part of the problem of South East Asia, an area of the world which lies dangerously open to Communist infiltration.

The 20th century has witnessed an awakening of nationalism in South East Asia as elsewhere. But it would be a profound mistake to imagine that the troubles in Malaya have any connection with nationalist sentiment.

The insurgent movement is small, political, and professional. It is an attempt to seize power which has at no time received any significant measure of support from the Malays. The movement appears to be modelled on the Communism of Moscow rather than that of China, but the model, of course, can change.

In Malaya today you will hear criticism that the authorities were slow to accept the seriousness of the insurgent menace in its early stages. Repeated warnings are said to have gone unheeded.

Others maintain that the government at home has the main responsibility and persisted too long in policies which, however admirable in the abstract, had little relation to the gathering storm.

There is no doubt some truth in this, but however that may be, we were certainly fortunate not to fare worse. The strain upon planters, tin miners, officials, soldiers and police, has been taut enough as it is.

Had the insurgent leadership been more discriminating and intelligent, the price must have been heavier still, for Malaya has by nature been endowed with all the conditions to facilitate the most savage type of jungle and guerilla warfare.

Moreover, Japanese rule had planted seeds of distrust among sections of the non-European population, and these have made confident collaboration most difficult to establish, even in a naturally law abiding community.

Insurgents' Finance

The insurgents may number about 1,500 convinced Communists and perhaps 6,000 hangers on, some of whom have been enrolled by intimidation or by kidnapping. They are financed by protection money, that is, by subscriptions extorted on the threat of a bullet.

Some of the increased wages now being paid have found their way into the pockets of the insurgents, and it is not unknown for a shopkeeper to be commanded to charge higher prices for his goods, the difference being extracted by the terrorists.

The failure of the Communist movement to gather momentum has been due above all, as I have explained, to its inability to win support from any material section of the population.

The Malays would have none of it, and though the Chinese suffered the loss of some of their leading men by assassination and in consequence others were for a while intimidated, information from Chinese sources is now coming in on a much more heartening scale.

In the Ipoh area, for instance, reports are now being proffered so fast as require the drafting of additional interpreters from Singapore.

Although the bandit leaders are certainly Communists, there appears to be a good deal of confusion in their thought at times.

I heard tell of one Communist headquarters where the walls of the meeting room displayed pictures of the hammer and sickle and King George VI, Mr. Stalin and Princess Elizabeth, and Messrs. Attlee and Bevin. Certainly a distinguished gathering, if perhaps an astonished one.

The planters have had much to put with. It is not easy to reconstruct the conditions in which many of them have been living. Tension has been continuous and danger frequent. Even the bravest man cannot indefinitely live and travel about his work under the threat of ambush and assassination.

Such experiences are not made easier to bear after years in a Japanese prison camp, nor by the cloying monotony of the Malayan climate.

In all these circumstances it is much to the credit of the planters and of the tin miners also that all but a negligible minority have stayed at their posts. They are brave and stout hearted people, and they deserve our thanks. But they deserve more than that; they deserve our understanding and support. We are much in their debt, for Malaya's exports to the United States still exceed Britain's in value.

Malaya's most immediate and complex problem is that of the squatters. Some these Chinese are now cultivating former mining lands. Others were simply told by the Japanese to go where they now are.

The problem is how to make them good citizens. The Malays fear a numerical increase of the Chinese, and there may already be anything up to half a million of these squatters. An effort has been made to settle some of them in other areas of Malaya, such as the Dindings in the West, and this has been fairly successful.

It would seem that some extension of this plan offers the best final solution, although progress must inevitably be slow.

Over Malaya as a whole the shadow of the Burmese calamity. The continued civil strife and the chaotic conditions from which every section of the Burmese people suffers are seen as an awful example. Nobody today wants to tread the road to Mandalay, nor to repeat the Burmese experience.

In Malaya I found no section eager to hasten a British departure. On the contrary, opinions privately expressed by all communities were unanimous that we have a job to do and that we have no call to skimp it.

British troops are doing a fine job in Malaya, and they look remarkably fit. But they don't enjoy the country. Veterans of the Middle East campaigns sigh for the Western Desert by contrast, perhaps even forgetting the flies which are notably absent from Malaya.

Immediate Security

The immediate security outlook to still serious, more from the nature of the country than from the nature of the bandits, but the means of dealing with it improve steadily.

The police are keen and I thought their organisation efficient and well supported by the military authorities. It seems fair to estimate that by the close of the year the marauding bands will have been driven to the more inaccessible jungle areas. Some of them are there already. But whether or not Malaya returns to a period of enduring security, and when, depends on external factors.

In resistance to the Communist challenge, this whole South East Asia area is one unit.

This is the real weakness of the situation. No-one at the present time can justly weigh the effect on all these countries of a Communist China. Nor have Indo-China, or Indonesia, settled their internal problems, while anarchy still dismembers Burma.

Relations between Malaya and Siam are good, but joint arrangements have to be perfected to control the frontier and to prevent Communist infiltration, this is no easy task. All these considerations compel restraint when surveying Malaya's prospects.

Malaya has also a long term problem of her own, the price of rubber. Alone of the world's raw materials, rubber still stands at a pre-war price, and costs continue to rise there as elsewhere.

A timely warning about this has recently been given by Mr. J.S. Ferguson, the respected chairman of Malayan Producers, whom I had the privilege to meet.

He has pointed out that 50 per cent of our production comes from smallholders and many of these, because of the low price of rubber, are existing below subsistence level."

He has also reminded us that the larger estates, which are expected to set an example for housing, health, and general amenities, are quite unable to pay a 200 per cent increase in wages, and increased tax, and at the same time to think of replanting. This is a very serious state of affairs.

Given an assured economy, Malaya could be a prop and a guide among her neighbours. It is to everybody's interest including that of the United States, that she should be so. She can be, for a generation or more, but that implies a fair price for her rubber.

This would seem a salient topic for some discussion between us.

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FOOCHOW FASHIONS, 1900

By WILLIAM M.S. BRAND

During the period these echoes have reached, the late eighties, and until about 1907, milady of Foochow closely studied the fashions of the European capitals as worn by the latest arrivals. These she got copied to fit her figure by local Chinese tailors, and very excellent jobs they turned out too, in many cases excelling the originals. The high-waist and poke-bonnet had given way to whale-bone stays, bustles, ostrich feather boas with pork-pie head-dress trimmed to match. Indeed, the amount of ostrich feather to be seen in Foochow 50 years ago was simply amazing. Milady not only wore it during the day, but also trimmed her hair with it in the evening to match an ostrich-feather fan. It was all very pretty but about the most difficult thing to preserve against the ravages of silver-fish and moth, which required something more potent than lavender-bags and rose-leaf sachets to ward off. So about this time we note the introduction of the camphor-wood chest and the camphor or napthalene ball, the demand for which, world-wide as it rapidly became, set at least one Japanese blue-blooded family, the Suzukis, on Easy Street. Milady's escort of this period favoured a clean shave round the gills with a heavy mustache, high collar with starched cuffs, high-buttoning cut-away long coat with a bowler hat if he were an elder, or a flat-crowned broad-brimmed straw hat or boater if he were a junior. Milady's dressing-table displayed a battery of scent-bottles too, where her mother was content with a dressing-case.

As the fashions so changed so did the architecture of the port. Up to about the early seventies the residences were bungalow-type. Then with the tea boom these gave way to massive two and three-storied buildings with wide enclosed verandahs on four sides and rooms 15 to 18 feet high by 30 feet square. The woodwork throughout these mansions was teak, three to four-inch thick planks of which were laid for flooring. Many buildings, of which Jardine, Matheson's was the finest example, had marble verandahs — and bathrooms. The floors were either painted or Ningpo-varnished a rich mahogany colour, the rest of the woodwork matching whichever the choice.

Some enterprising, though inexperienced, merchants imported expensive wallpapers, but these did not prove successful becoming ruined with damp or peeling-off during the period of the spring rains. Foreign distempers were then unknown, but German powdered dyes were and these were mixed with lime-wash and slum, two indigenous articles in bountiful supply, to make the perfect wall covering for both interiors and exteriors. In those days it was the vogue to have the dining-room done an ox-blood red with the carpet, plush-covered fireside armchairs, lamp and candlestick shades to match, even to red borders and red rosettes affixed to the white cloth punkah covers.

Mosquitoes

Perhaps it was our grandfathers who discovered that mosquitoes avoid anything red, or finding that the dining-room was the one room in the house where one was more or less free from being bitten by these pests that these rooms witnessed such long hours at the festive board? One cannot say that lunch or dinner was the favourite meal of those days as my grandmother kept an elaborate ledger of guest's names for each of these meals which would bear out the almost fairy-like tales of the unbounded hospitality of the China Coast communities of her days, but the reason for the choice of red for the tropics certainly gives food for thought. The drawing-rooms of that period were usually carried out in some light pastel shade to suit the size and shape of the crystal chandelier, or to match the delicate white or gold satin-covered suite. This room invariably adjoined the dining-room, with huge double-folding doors joining the two. Across a central hall, planned to run due North and South on each floor, one usually found a sitting-room serving the purpose of a combined library, music and smoking-room, in which afternoon tea was served in inclement weather, otherwise it was served out-of-doors—and what a ceremony was made of it, too!—with an adjoining card-room, or a billiard-room in the houses of the more opulent.

Bed-rooms and guest-rooms leo off the upstairs hall, each furnished with elaborate brass bedsteads with ponderous overhanging curtain support. Many of these bed were eight to nine feet square. I have never read of or mentioned the use of "Dutch Wives" in Foochow. Each of these rooms was served with an adjoining bathroom furnished with marble-top washstand with porcelain water-jug, basin, soap-dish, toothbrush holder and hot-water can; a large oval-shaped blazed earthenware receptacle known as a "Ningpo tub", some 30 inches high, serving as a bath along-side of which was placed a large vessel of cold water with a dipper made of bamboo; a box commode and a huge wicker clothes-basket intended for dirty linen.

Foochow Recipes

The pantry was usually connected with the dining-room by a large dumb-waiter and with the upstairs by a hand-lift. Imported cast-iron ranges served the kitchens, fed with coal, charcoal of firewood according to the whim of the No. 1 cook and the particular food he was preparing. These Kings-of-the-house-hold in Foochow could—and yet can—turn out any recipe whatsoever, given, of course, the requisite ingredients to work with, and the interesting point is, unless they particularly wish to please milady on festive occasions, they merely give orders and superintend the work carried out by learn-cooks who are not on the household payroll, but whom are guaranteed by his lordship and serve him a three-years' apprenticeship without pay, at the conclusion of which service he, in turn, guarantees each one of them a lucrative post either with a family of comfortable means or a restourant within the province or abroad. These culinary directions, exact to the measure and perfectly timed as to oven and open fire, are usually given seated at a table opposite or near to the stove, whilst he indulges in a long pipe of reeking native tobacco. In the old days he would not permit other servants of the household to set foot in the kitchen. Even their food would be served to them in the Servants' Quarters by the learn-cooks.

The kitchens and the pantries in those days were furnished with every conceivable type of utensil and dish, from broilers capable of holdings 40-lb. fish down to a mince-pie mould and from a carving plate capable of holding a hind-quarter of venison down to the daintiest bon-bon dish.

Milady's house servants were introduced by the Compradore of her escort's firm and, should they prove themselves satisfactory after a period of trial, would be signed up and guaranteed by that Chinese business partner. All complaints against the employee and all grievances against the employer passed, therefore, through that Chinese gentleman whose verdict, invariably impartial, carefully weighed, yet often peculiar, was mutually accepted as final. The Compradore's representative on the household staff was the Butler, as distinct from the No. 1 Boy. These princely mansions in Old Foochow maintained a staff of a score or more of servants; such as, the Butler with four Boys to assist him; an olderly female known as Esau as milady's attendant and a younger, known as Amah, to attend the children with a third known as the Sew-sew Amah who was constantly darning, repairing linen, replacing buttons or making clothes and dresses; two House Coolies to sweep the rooms with a special coolie to attend the lamps and candles; the Chief Cook with two assistants and two apprentices; four Chair Coolies and a Lantern Coolie whose duty it was to precede milady's chair through the streets, the master of the house usually using the office chair coolies whenever he went out two Water Coolies and a Night-soil woman; four to five Gardeners, and three or four stable hands known as Mafoos to look after the race ponies.

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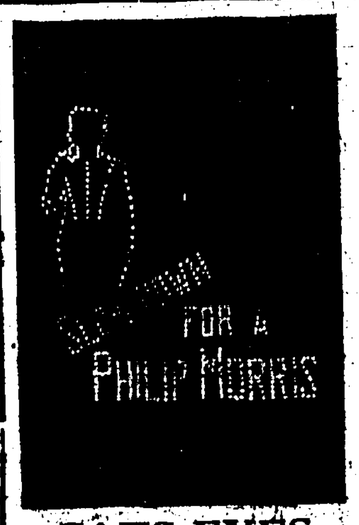

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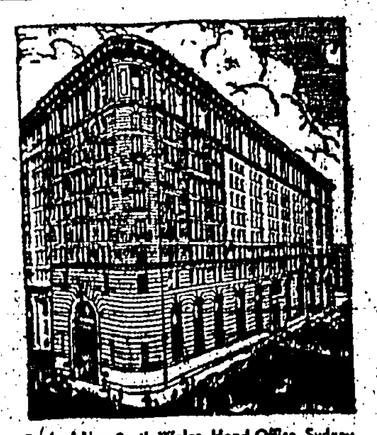

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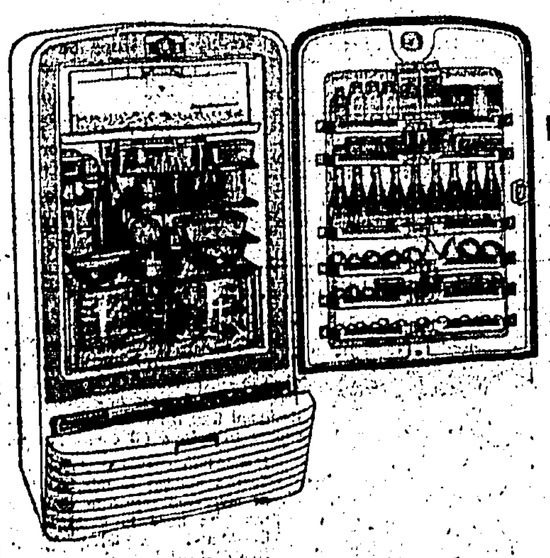

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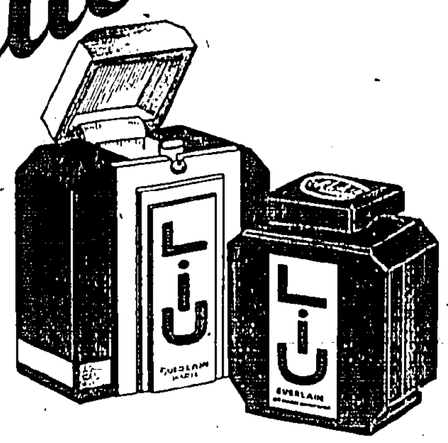

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AUSTRIAN THREAT: REFUSAL TO PAY OCCUPATION COST

Vienna, May 20.

The Austrian Foreign Minister, Dr. Karl Gruber, warned tonight that if the "Big Four" Foreign Ministers fail to solve the Austrian problem at their Paris conference next week, Austria will, if necessary, refuse to pay any more occupation costs.

He also told the Austrian People's Party Congress that, in the event of such a failure, Austria will put the evacuation of the country on the agenda of international conferences and claim the right to set up immediately a Federal Army. Then the occupation must end, he declared.

"It must be made clear to the Great Powers that this occupation, camouflaged as liberation, must come to an end," he said. "We must make it clear to them that the patience of the Austrian people is exhausted.

"From now on, the Austrian people will follow a policy of increased activity and put Austrian interests before the demands and orders of the Allied Governments. If necessary, we will tell these gentlemen 'We shall not pay you another penny. Help yourself as you can.'

"If the present meeting of the Great Powers does not lead to a solution we shall begin a new period by throwing overboard the present draft treaty which is mainly in the interests of the Great Powers rather than those of Austria.

"If the Great Powers do not use the present opportunity we shall put the evacuation of our country on the agenda of international conferences—treaty or no treaty. In this case, the Austrian Government must claim to set up immediately an Austrian Federal Army, after which the occupation must end.

By Force

"If any of the Great Powers refuse our request, we shall accuse that power before the United Nations of an aggressive act against the Austrian State.

"I believe we shall thus make it clear to the world that we shall repel by force every attack on our frontiers with all the means at our disposal. We shall demand all this and not one jot less because, after four years of occupation, we cannot be satisfied with being given partial freedom after endless discussion.

"We want our complete independence. For this we shall appeal to the Austrian people, mobilise international public opinion and finally appeal to the protection of the United Nations."—Reuter.

LONDON TALKS ON MALAYA

London, May 20.

Mr. Malcolm MacDonald, Commissioner - General for South East Asia, is expected to begin talks on the Malayan situation with the Colonial Secretary, Mr. Arthur Creech Jones, at the beginning of next week.

Since he arrived here on Wednesday, Mr. MacDonald has been fully occupied at the Foreign Office and has only had formal contact with the Colonial Office.

His post puts him in a dual role. To the Colonial Office he is responsible for the co-ordination of administration and policy in relation to Malaya, Singapore, North Borneo, Sarawak and Brunei. He is equally responsible to the Foreign Secretary in his relations with Far East foreign territories.

Though Mr. MacDonald has declined to comment on his present London mission, usually reliable quarters believe that his main discussions with the Foreign Office concern the question of aid to Burma and co-operation with Siam on the Malayan Communist situation.—Reuter.

SHIP TRAGEDY

Bucharest, May 20.

It was learned here today that on Tuesday evening a Pakistan sailor, whose name is given as Amin Mian, of the 7,235-ton British merchantman, Wye Valley, was shot dead by a Rumanian sentry, who was then reported to have committed suicide.

The incident occurred at the Rumanian Danubian port of Galatz, where the Wye Valley, which is registered in London, had been loading wood since May 8. The Rumanian authorities have ex-

Ballet, theatrical representation by means of dancing, originated in the pantomime performances of early Rome, many years before the French and Russian ballet. Today, the Italian ballet has moved to Milan, where, in La Scala Theatre, young aspirants to the dance may still undergo a rigorous five year's training. Young girls are tested, and, if satisfactory, sign a contract which binds them to La Scala. Photo shows ballerinas and their partners having a work-out on the roof of La Scala Theatre. (AP Photo).

"Smoking & Cocktails Flight From Reality"

New York, May 21.

Each smoke, cocktail, or drink of coffee, tea or cocoa is a little flight from reality, says, Norman Taylor in a new book by that name.

Marihuana and opium are powerful, dangerous wings for the same kind of flight from boredom.

One odd thing about the drugs and stimulants that man uses this way is that they can be found anywhere in the world, he says. In every land, there is some plant that man employs as a stimulant or narcotic.

"Flight from Reality," describes both common and strange ones.

Hemp supplies some of the oldest narcotics. It has been known for 5,000 years, and used by the Greeks, Persians, Arabs, Hindus and Chinese. From it comes marihuana and hashish. The potent drug is a resin in the female flowers of hemp.

Marihuana, also known as Bhang is a smoking mixture from the cut tops of uncultivated female plants Mr. Taylor explains. A higher grade smoke is called ganja, and is made from a specially cultivated grade of hemp. Charas or hashish is the pure, unadultered resin from the tops of the finest plants. It is most dangerous.

Opium comes only from the air-dried, coagulated milk juice of the unripe pod of one kind of poppy. Only in the unripe pod is there any danger.

Opium Tragedy

Today, Mr. Taylor says well over 900,000,000 people are apt to use either opium or hemp products. Opium is worse than marihuana and it is difficult to exaggerate the tragedy that opium has brought to humanity. Its undeniable terrors and dangers have never stopped its use, its hold upon its addicts is adamant.

Morphine and heroin, derived from opium, are even more dangerous than opium itself. They are taken by injection.

In Mexico, one narcotic is cloliuqui, a drink prepared from the bitter seeds of a vine that looks somewhat like the morning glory. It produces hallucinations and finally a kind of hypnotic sleep or coma. Peyotl, one form of cacutus, is also used and has similar effects.

America was the first home of tobacco. And judging by the incomparable collection of tobacco pipes that archaeologists have excavated, the habit stretched back hundreds, perhaps a 1,000 years before the first Spaniard put foot on the new world.

The use of alcohol dates far back, over many parts of the world. There is record, Mr. Taylor says, of a brewery believed to have been operating in Egypt in 3,700 BC.

Chewing Leaf

Coca leaves, the source of cocaine, are chewed today by more than 15,000,000 persons. The habit was started by the Incas. It has a tremendous effect in overcoming fatigue. The Spaniards gave it to their Inca slaves sweating in the fabulous gold mines of Potosi.

In Australia there is pituri, a desert shrub. It contains some dangerous narcotic alkaloids, including the drug scopolamine. Australian natives chew the leaves, mixed with alkali, to kill fatigue and hunger pangs.

No other natives have used it, and its use is dwindling now, Mr. Taylor adds.

In Tahiti, Samoa, Fiji, Guam, and other islands of Oceania, natives drink kava, a tea-like brew made from the vines of certain shrubs. It has a narcotic effect, and is also a crude alcohol. In small doses it is harmless, bringing a sense of well-being and mild elation, Mr. Taylor writes.

Safer, and more widely used by far, are coffee, chocolate and tea. All are harmless in sensible amounts, but when taken in sufficient quantity they can even be called causes of addiction.—Associated Press.

BIGGEST EVENT OF CENTURY

London, May 20.

"When the history of the present century comes to be written the settlement of the Indo-British problem will be described as the most outstanding event of the century", said Mr. Aneurin Bevan, Minister of Health, today.

Mr. Bevan also said that the successful conclusion of the deliberations of the Commonwealth conference had been received with quiet satisfaction in this country.

Mr. Bevan was speaking at a luncheon party given by the the Indian High Commissioner, Mr. V.K. Krishna Menon, at India House in honour of Mr. S.K. Patil, Mayor of Bombay, who is on a visit here to study muncipal problems.

Mr. Patil said that the agreement reached last month at the Commonwealth conference has the overwhelming support of the people of India and was widely welcomed in the country.

Among those present at the luncheon party were the Mayors of the metropolitan boroughs of Westminster, St. Pancras and Holborn, officials of the Ministry of Health and prominent businessmen.—Reuter.

Strikers In Italy Clash

Milan, May 20.

One striker was shot dead and several injured in a fight at Cascina, near Milan, between pro-Communist strikers and non-Communist strike breakers.

The non-Communists had come from neighbouring Bergamo Province to try to take the place of the strikers.

The police detained several people. The strikers were farm workers and the police said tonight that 500 workers from a nearby metal works, who downed tools in sympathy with the farm-workers, joined in the fight.

Clashes are also reported from several other parts of Northern Italy—Reuter.

TRIPOLI QUIET

Cairo, May 20.

Press reports from Tripoli today said the city is quiet following weeklong demonstrations against the Anglo-Italian plan for returning the colony to Italian control.

However, a Libyan independence front spokesman said: "The Libyans won't rest on their laurels, but will prosecute the national struggle."—United Press.

Bao Dai To Have His Own Army

Saigon, May 20.

The French High Commissioner, M. Leon Pignon, and the Chief of Staff, General Georges Revers, will discuss the organisation of the future Vietnam army with ex-Emperor Bao Dai of Annam.

General Revers is on an "inspection and general information" visit to Vietnam, and Bao Dai is at Dalat, a rest centre 130 miles North East of Saigon, where talks aimed at the setting up of a Vietnam government continue.

French Parliamentary approval for the granting of non-Colonial status to Cochin-China, the rice bowl of Indo-China, is expected in debates beginning this weekend.

Some Vietnamese quarters here are saying that Bao Dai is meeting resistance in certain Nationalist circles because of the secrecy in which the Franco-Vietnam agreement talks were conducted and because the full agreement has not yet been published.

The name of Ngo Dinh Diem is mentioned in some quarters as possible Prime Minister. But Ngo Dinh Diem, Nationalist leader of the country's 2,000,000 Catholics, has not taken part in previous post-war Vietnam administrations and he told Reuter today that there is no question of his taking office.

Bao Dai's immediate entourage is maintaining a news black-out about the constitution of the future Cabinet. The ex-Emperor's principal Private Secretary, Prince Buu Loc, will leave Dalat for Saigon tomorrow.—Reuter.

Seamen Want Some Comfort

Douglas, Isle of Man, May 21.

British sailors demanded yesterday that ships be equipped with washing machines for the use of the crews.

The National Union of Seaman also passed resolutions asking for constant fresh water in ships' washhouses, facilities for keeping food and drinks hot and a uniform price for cigarettes.

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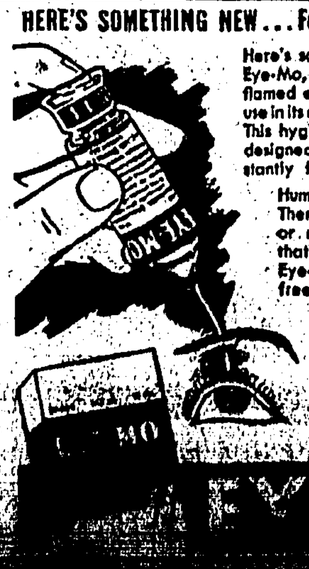

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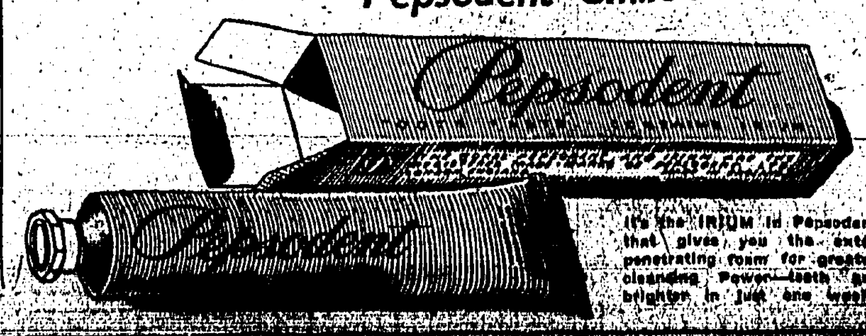

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Our Serial Story

The Case Of The Blades Of Damascus

By Vincent Starrett

Everingham produced another envelope and handed it to Lavender. "These are your instructions," he explained. "They are simple. Deliver the envelope—that is all—at any cost."

"I shall," said J. L.

The steel inventor rose to his feet, his curious, popping eyes indicating relief. "Good luck!" he beamed, holding out a small, fat hand.

We watched him from a window after he left. Crossing the street, he entered an elevated station across the way. No further attack was made on him then. It seemed likely that he had been right in thinking his enemies would now focus their attention on us.

"A curious man," I observed. "Half mad, like so many inventors, yet possibly a genius. But I should think he would rather sell his formula in his own country."

"That depends," said J. L., looking over his instructions, "on whether black is white; and that—as I was remarking when all this began—that depends on circumstances." He added: "We'd better begin to pack."

"We leave tomorrow?"

"We leave at once. And if we get out of Chicago without trouble, I'll be surprised."

CHAPTER II

The Arabic was to sail from New York City the following day. We made our arrangements by phone. Scarcely an hour passed before we were waiting for a cab to call for us.

"Even so," said Lavender, "Everingham's enemies may fathom our intention, and be waiting for us. Leave the lights burning, Gilly, and go on downstairs."

The cab arrived, with Cal Carveth at the wheel. He was a courageous chap we had used before. As the wheels of his car grated against the curb, Lavender opened our street door.

We legged it across the sidewalk, and plunged into the cab. If J. L. had expected a shot from the dark he was disappointed.

"Europe," I remarked, "is a long way off, Jimmie. We may have a pretty light bill if we return."

"We'll wire McGregor to switch them off some time tomorrow," he said.

We spun along toward the airport and Lavender kept turning his head to look behind.

Jimmie answered my query: "Yes, we're being following. Twice now a car has had to back and turn, after missing the little street up which we ran. There are only two men in it."

I turned my head, then said: "There is no one following now."

"They know where we're headed," declared J. L. and I noted his automatic lying loosely in his hand, across his knee.

Then, as we approached a crossroad, I saw headlights of another car, apparently racing us to the crossing.

"They took another road," said Jimmie and I heard him release his pistol's safety catch as Carveth slowed down.

"No! no! Cal!" cried Lavender. "Step on it, or he'll block the road!"

The heavy cab leaped forward. For a sickening instant I thought we would crash. Then we were past and a bullet crashed our rear window-glass, passed between us, smashed on through Carveth's window, and finally pinged against the windshield.

We did not slacken speed until near the airport's flaring lights.

"They'll be after us again," said Jimmie, "but they'll never catch us now."

A plane was being readied for flight. We leaped from the taxi almost into the arms of the airport superintendent who had been awaiting our arrival.

"A car's coming up behind," snapped Lavender. "There may be shooting. Can we get away at once?"

"Trent is your pilot," said the superintendent.

"I can fly the plane myself if I have to," asserted Jimmie. Then we saw Trent and the co-pilot climbing into the trim plane and we followed quickly.

Our engines roared, a heavy wind was blowing, and flame needles shot from the exhaust. The heavy plane lumbered forward, began to gather speed.

At the same instant the pursuing car dashed through the airport gates. Looking down, we could see a man crouching on its running board. He raised his arm, there was a flash.

But our plane was well on its way as angry gun flashes followed us.

I glanced at J. L., to observe: "A close call?"

"I suspect we'll have a number of far more close calls after we reach England," Jimmie said.

The excitement had tired me and in a short time I was ready for sleep. However, for a while I kept an eye on Lavender who was seated under a strong light, having opened the envelope entrusted to him by Everingham. He scrutinised sheet after sheet of thin paper, and all the time his brow grew darker. Turning once he caught my eyes.

"Code, Gilly," he declared, "and a difficult one."

But my desire for sleep was stronger than my curiosity. In no time I was deep in dreams of Damascus swords and strange bugs with eyes like those of Everingham the inventor.

Dawn was creeping up when I awoke. J. L. was still seated as I had last seen him, but the papers were back in their envelope and that had disappeared. As I stirred, he turned and spoke.

"You've been asleep for some time, Gilly. We'll be in New York soon."

I looked from our windows on a ghostly world of misty trees, streams, and houses far below.

"Did you decipher the code?" I asked.

"I think I have some idea what it is about. At any rate, it isn't steel."

"Not steel" I exclaimed. "You mean that Everingham lied?"

"It was obvious from the beginning that he was either lying or insane. His talk of Damascus steel was sheerest nonsense, and his rhapsody on swords was romantic lunacy. I have some idea of what it is we have been commissioned to deliver in London, but I can't be certain till we get there. Nevertheless, we shall deliver it."

Trent was still at the controls as Jimmie observed: "Hamilton the co-pilot is preparing coffee, and I shouldn't be surprised if there were also eggs and bacon, not to mention toast."

With breakfast barely over, we found ourselves descending on the flying field in the outskirts of the metropolis.

As we were about to enter a cab, a burly man stepped forward and touched Jimmie's shoulder.

"Sorry, Mr. James Lavender," he said, "But I have a warrant for your arrest."

"Indeed?" said J. L. "May I see it?"

He studied the official looking document and returned it with a smile.

"Apparently in perfect order, Gilly," he commented. "I'm wanted by the police of Chicago, and New York has been asked to pick me up on sight. Very well, I never resist the police," he added while I stared at him in bewilderment. "Shall we start for headquarters?"

We drove in silence for a number of blocks before the stranger spoke: "And now, Mr. Lavender," he said briskly, "I'll trouble you for that envelope."

"I wondered when you'd get around to it," said Jimmie. "Are you prepared to take it?"

"We'd like to have it without trouble."

"But you are prepared for trouble," smiled Lavender. "There is a suspicious bulge under your left arm, and I suspect this taxi man is not a regular.... I was considering making you a money proposition."

"No good," the other grunted.

"Go ahead, then—get it over with. Keep quiet, Gilly—there's nothing we can do about it."

CHAPTER III

The supposed detective nodded. "Sorry," he mumbled and slipped a hand into Lavender's breast pocket. His eyes brightened at sight of the long white envelope. He went through all our pockets expertly, then tranferred his attention to our bags.

"I guess I've got it," he decided at length.

"Oh, you've got the envelope all right," agreed J.L.

"Then I'll say a cordial good-day."

The driver stopped and we stepped into the road.

"To tell the truth," grinned our departing frisk-master, "I didn't expect it would be this easy."

Jimmie only shrugged as we watched the disappearing taxicab, and pondered our position.

Our wait was not long. A private car appeared, bowling toward the city and Lavender stepped forward with upraised hand. His police card recommended us.

"Hop in," beamed the stranger.

"If it won't be too much out of your way," said Jimmie, "please take us to the docks at West 19th Street."

He turned to me and added: "There'll be hell to pay, Gilly, when they discover that envelope to be a fake. I prepared it last night while you were asleep."

"But where," I asked in astonishment, "is the original? It wasn't in your pockets."

"Nor in my bags," said J.L. "It's quite a problem, isn't it? See if you can solve it before we get to Europe."

The Arabic sailed at five that afternoon, but we went aboard immediately and kept an eye on all arrivals. Promptly on the hour the big liner left her pier and made her slow way to the sea.

"You see," J.L. explained, as we sat in adjoining deck chairs waiting the dinner call, "they are hoping to get the papers without trouble. Their next effort will be to rob our staterooms. When again they fail to find the papers, there will be a more serious attempt on our persons. When that fails, they may try to kidnap us as we leave the ship at Southampton. Already, you may be sure, the cables have been busy."

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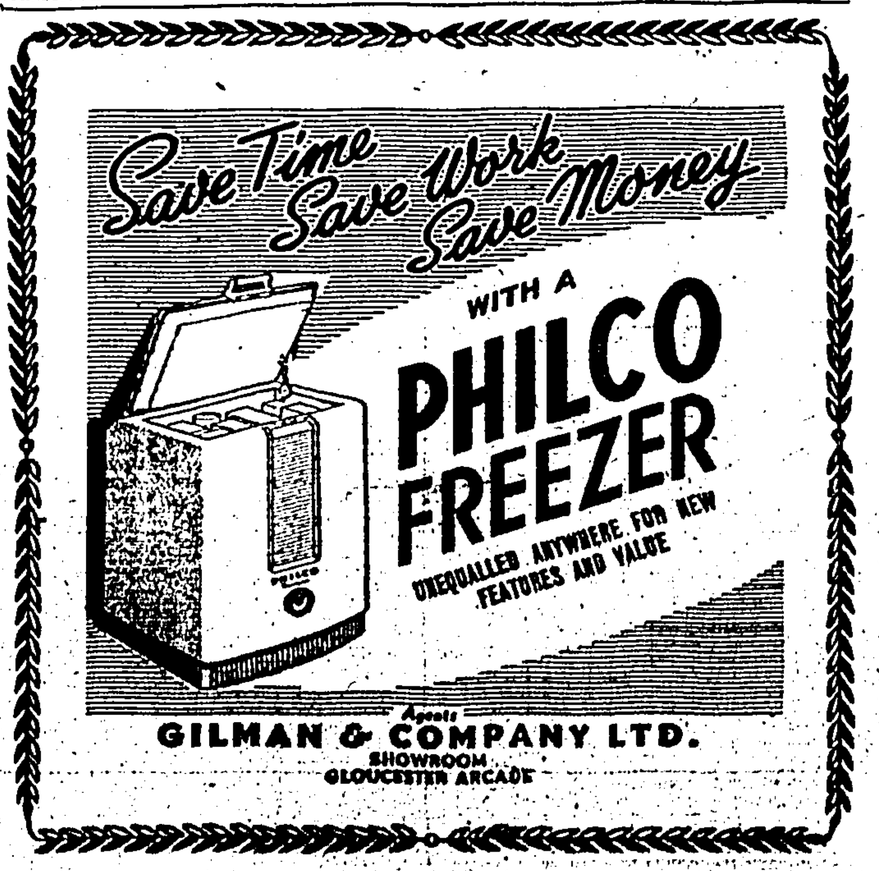

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Variety Fare

Contributed By "MUSETTA"

CONTROVERSY

Other than by implication I have so far not become embroiled in the old "classic and jazz" controversy which, it seems, still continues to rage unabated after all these years.

The very fact that it has continued for so long bears witness that there must be something material in the claim of the dance-music addicts, else the whole thing would have collapsed as a pack of cards before now.

It is therefore useless to dismiss jazz, or whatever you call it, as of no account. It is something which has come to stay and to endure, and must therefore be reckoned with, and recognised, on its merits.

The origin of jazz (let us stick to this description since it is conveniently short) is generally accepted to have its roots in the old Negro spirituals. The earlier primitive rhythms of the African jungles were probably translated across the Atlantic by victims of the slave-trade. Inded, in the calypsoes of the Barbado Islanders there are definitely signs of the African rhythm wedded to the Negro spiritual. From these early foundations have sprung up all the modern dance forms of rhumbas, boleros, sambas and what-have-you!

It is difficult to approach this question, dispassionately, since one must examine each of the contestant's claims in unbiassed fashion. Personally, I am not one of those who summarily dismiss jazz as of no account, although my preference lies with the more-accepted classical forms of music. Obviously, that being so, I suppose any arguments put forward "for" or "against" will inevitably be coloured by such bias, however one may try to be scrupulously fair.

My main bone of contention with the jazz-addicts lies in their tampering with the classics. For example, the lovely andante from Beethoven's "Moonlight Sonata" has been relegated to the level of a sloppy sentimental love-song, drooled into a microphone by a crooner. The theme of Tchaikovski's No. 1 Pianoforte Concerto so as to form a basis for a saccharine waltz-tune. Schumann's Pianoforte Concerto has also been "treated", whereby one of its loveliest themes is handled about by moaning saxophones, a sacrifice to the voracious appetites of rhythm fans. Such instances as these—and there are many others, too—appear to me quite inexcusable.

The "boys of tin-pan alley" appear to be able to churn out their dirges from day to day with unfailing regularity, and occasionally (see how open-minded I am!) hit on a very attractive tune. With this seemingly inexhaustable fund on which to draw, I cannot conceive why Beethoven, Tchaikovski, Schumann and the rest of the masters cannot be left in peace. They suffer enough desecration at times in the hands of incompetent performers without having the additional indignity of being immolated on the altar of rhythm-fiends. This aspect, I feel, is one which is quite unanswerable.

It is, of course, quite useless to deny either the importance or influence of jazz. In itself, it is a highly-organised business, and some musicians have even found it more profitable than the more orthodox approach of Bach and Brahms, and I know this too, that some of its executants are highly-qualified capable musicians. Indeed, they have to be so if they are to be able to answer some of the demands made on them.

I recall hearing some little time ago Harry James playing the "Flight of the Bumble Bee", that very descriptive piece of music by Rimsky Korsakov. This was indeed a prodigious piece of trumpet-playing, which none but a highly-qualified and capable technician could possibly attempt. So one is foolish and illogical if jazz is summarily and contemptuously dismissed as of no account. It is far from being that.

And yet, what of its real value? Has it any qualities such as those which go to the making of Schuberts symphonies or Bach's fugues? I think not. And it is in this aspect of the matter that the real argument against jax lies, I fell. It is shallow, meretricious, appealing only to the sense of rhythm. Divorced from that appeal it stands revealed as a very puerile, completely unaffecting structure, having neither depth nor breadth. This must surely be so, else the torrential output of popular dance numbers would not be needed. With the exceptions which so conveniently go to prove the rule, the average life of a dance-tune is, I suppose, about three months. It blossoms out and fades aways, seldom, if ever heard of again.

From this fact, I feel I am entitled fairly to draw the inference that such tunes are inspired solely by commercial requirements. There is no inspiration surely required for their composition; no wrestling with the "dark fates" before the music is finally committed to paper. If Beethoven or Handel or Chopin had written their music subject to such considerations, would their names be remembered and honoured today as the are? The answer must be "no".

Finally, then, this question of classics and Jazz must resolve itself into an analysis of their "value-content" and not of the superficial appeal either of the types makes. I realise only too well I am probably asking for trouble in entering the lists on this controversial topic. Jazz-enthusiasts, I know, are hardened veterans, only too willing to join issue with the opposition. Now here is a further opportunity for them to bring their battery of arguments to bear.

SUNDAY

The Symphony Concert tonight at 9.45 p.m. provides an interesting blend of classic, modern and ultra-modern music. This seems to me a fair summing-up of a programme which includes:—

Symphony 96 in E flat Haydn.
Arias from "Hansel & Gretel" Humperdinck
Serenade in E. Minor for Strings Elgar
Pianoforte Concerto Khatchaturian

To put the listener in a properly receptive frame of mind, could there be a more apt choice than the joyous gaiety of the light-hearted Haydn? The great significance of Haydn in the world of music lies in the fact that he was a great experimentalist in the difficult art of orchestration, so much so in fact that he has aptly and conveniently been called the "father of the orchestra."

Thanks to the far-sighted indulgence of his patron, Prince Esterhazy, Haydn was given carte-blanche to experiment with the court-orchestra. When he was ready to rehearse, Haydn would ring a bell to summon the members of the orchestra, try over the passage, make such adjustments as were necessary, and so another masterpiece was born. His symphonies, of which he wrote over a 100, are charactorised by an ineradicable quality of gaiety, quite divorced almost exclusively on his delightful from any depth of sentiment.

Humperdinck's fame nowadays rests "Hansel & Gretel", a charming fantasy to which he has fitted fittingly appropriate music. Humperdinck was one of Wagner's most intimate assistants during the composition of "Parsifal." It is a little incongruous possibly, that after such strong Wagneran meat as this, Humperdinck should come to write such music of delicacy and charm as abounds in "Hansel & Gretel."

Elgar's "Serenade for Strings" is a gorgeous pattern of musical sound, woven together with such effect as could only be achieved by the mastery of Elgar. Confined to the use of strings alone—violins, violas, cellos and double-bass—it is difficult for the listener to appreciate just what effects can be achieved. None but the truly great musician could hope to succeed in this respect.

Sir Edward Elgar, whose mastery of orchestration has become a by-word in the world of music, was such a man. Evidence of this—be it needed,—is amply borne out in the work to be played tonight. Incidentally, other works equally as lovely in this respect are Grieg's "Holberg" suite, parts of the Pastorale from the "Messiah" and a truly glorious andante from the last movement of Handel's "Fireworks" Suite.

Of the last work, I know nothing and, to my knowledge, have never heard it. It is, however, only right to approach new music with a completely open mind, so as to be able to form a personal judgment which may be completely unbiased. What I cannot find heart to appreciate in modern music is the atonal atrocities (if I may be permitted to use the word without invoking the law of libel on me!) of Berg and Honegger.

MONDAY

In "Concerto Hour" at 9.10 p.m. night, Mozart's Clarinet Concerto is to be played, with Reginald Kell as soloist. Very few concertos have been written for this expressive instrument, although it has received more attention in the world of Chamber Music. Reginald Kell is one of the world's outstanding clarinetists and there can be no doubt will give a good account in this lovely work. The mellow tones of the clarinet and its facile ability to give full play to the cadenzas and roulades Mozart has provided in this Concerto signify this music to be an outstanding feature of the week.

TUESDAY

At 10.30 p.m. there is a delightful programme promised as can be seen from music which comprises:

Introduction & Rondo Capriccioso — Mendlessohn
"In quelle trine morbide" (Manon Lescout) — Puccini
"Depuis le jour" (Louise) — Charpentier
Rhapsody No. 4, Op. 119 — Brahms
"Catalogue Song" (Don Giovanni) — Mozart
"Drinking Song" (Merry Wives of Windsor) — Nicolai

The soloists are Eileen Joyce (piano), Joan Hammond (soprano) and Oscar Natzke (Bass). The aria from Puccini's "Manon Lescout" is one of the loveliest be ever wrote and serves to remind one why "Manon" is so seldom produced nowadays.

FRIDAY

At 10.10 p.m. a programme of music by Vaughan Williams is on the air, and included is:—

The "Wasps" Overture
"Silent Noon"
"Linden Lea"
"Greensleaves" Fantasia.

"Silent Noon," one of the loveliest of contemporary English songs, is sung by David Lloyd, who possesses that rarest of gifts which Wales bestows so generously on her henchman,—a voice of exceptional purity.

Astra Desmond, England's leading contralto, sings the elegaic "Linden Lea," which must certainly rank as one of the most nostalgic expressions of devotion to the English countryside.

GENERAL KNOWLEDGE ANSWERS

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2. 353,652 killed, and 475,070 wounded.
3. Thomas a Becket.
4. Nicholas Brakespeare, 1154 to 1159.
5. Wordsworth.
6. William Pitt, Earl of Chatham.

NEWS QUIZ ANSWERS

1. The Societies Ordinance, 1949.
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Children's Herald

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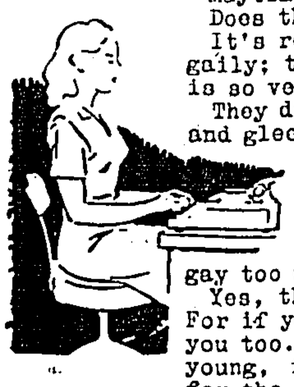

Maytime!

Does this mean anything to you?

It's really the best time in the year. Birds are chirping gaily; trees, flowers are in their fullest bloom, and the sky is so very clear and blue.

They did their part of work and they're now bursting with joy and glee, that's why they look so bright and pretty. Everyone that passes by just can't resist stopping and admiring them.

It's really just the same with us human beings. If we do our part of work well and accomplish what we had attempted to do, we will be in full bloom, happy and gay too when the time comes. Then won't we feel proud?

Yes, there's no difference between human beings and nature. For if you are in full bloom passers-by will stop and admire you too. It's worth while, children, to work hard while you're young, for you'll never regret it. Keep on looking forward for the great day when you can say, "Look, I'm in full bloom too." Then you will have done your part and be just like a flower bursting with joy.

Happy days to you all, from

Auntie Vee

"MAYTIME"

First week word-making competition.

Try and see how many words you can make from "Maytime." There are seven letters in the word, so you should be able to make quite a lot of small words from it.

When you have written out your words clearly, count them and name the total, then fill in the form clearly in capital letters and send it to Auntie Vee, Children's Herald, Windsor House, Hong Kong.

Mark the bottom left hand corner of your envelope "Competition."

The closing date for your entry is Wednesday, May 25. Entries that arrive later will not be considered, so do get yours poster as early as you can.

Two first prizes of $5 each and six consolaton prizes of $2 each.

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EXAM DAY

My hand's all aquiver,
I hope I can write,
I shudder and shiver,
At thought or at sight.
I'm patiently waiting,
Out in the hall,
I'd rather be skating,
Or playing softball,
My history's not good,
But my grammar's worse,
I'm in a bad mood,
Oh! bother and curse.
It is on my spelling
I'll have to depend,
With glee I'll be yelling
When it's the end.

Merry Moments

Rubbernose: "Oh, oh, there's Mrs. Frammis! She is always trying to get people to do work for her, but she never pays."

Mrs. Frammis: "Oh, Rubbernose."

Rubbernose: (Groan!) "I was hoping she wouldn't see me".

Mrs. Frammis: "Did you see that wood in my yard, Rubbernose?"

Rubbernose: "No."

Mrs. Frammis: "Oh, yes you did. I saw you see it."

Rubbernose: "Well, maybe you saw me see it. But you're not going to see me saw it!"

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Honour certificate to Annie Chan of 7, Norfolk Road, Kowloon Tong.

Crossword Winners

Two first prizes of $5 each go to Tso Shiu Chiu of 14, Pilkem Street, 3rd floor, Kowloon and Valerie Da Costa of 446, King's Road, 3rd floor, Hong Kong.

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Six consolation prizes of $2 each go to Robert Cheung of 24, Yick Yam Street, 1st floor, Hong Kong, Nana Rodrigues of 14, Hillwood Road, Kowloon, Elfrida Ozorio of 289, Prince Edward Road, Kowloon, Robert Medina of 21, Bowrington Road, Hong Kong, Leonardo Luz of 21, Austin Avenue, ground floor, Kowloon, and Harlan Taylor of 146B, Argyle Street, Kowloon.

WHO AM I?

E is for eat and also for meat,
L is for long but not for tong,
E is for apple but not for mango,

P is for pie but not for tie,
H is for hero but not for Rio,
A is for angle but not for circle,
N is for nephew and also for niece,

T is for train but not for main.
My whole is something which you all like to see in a circus.

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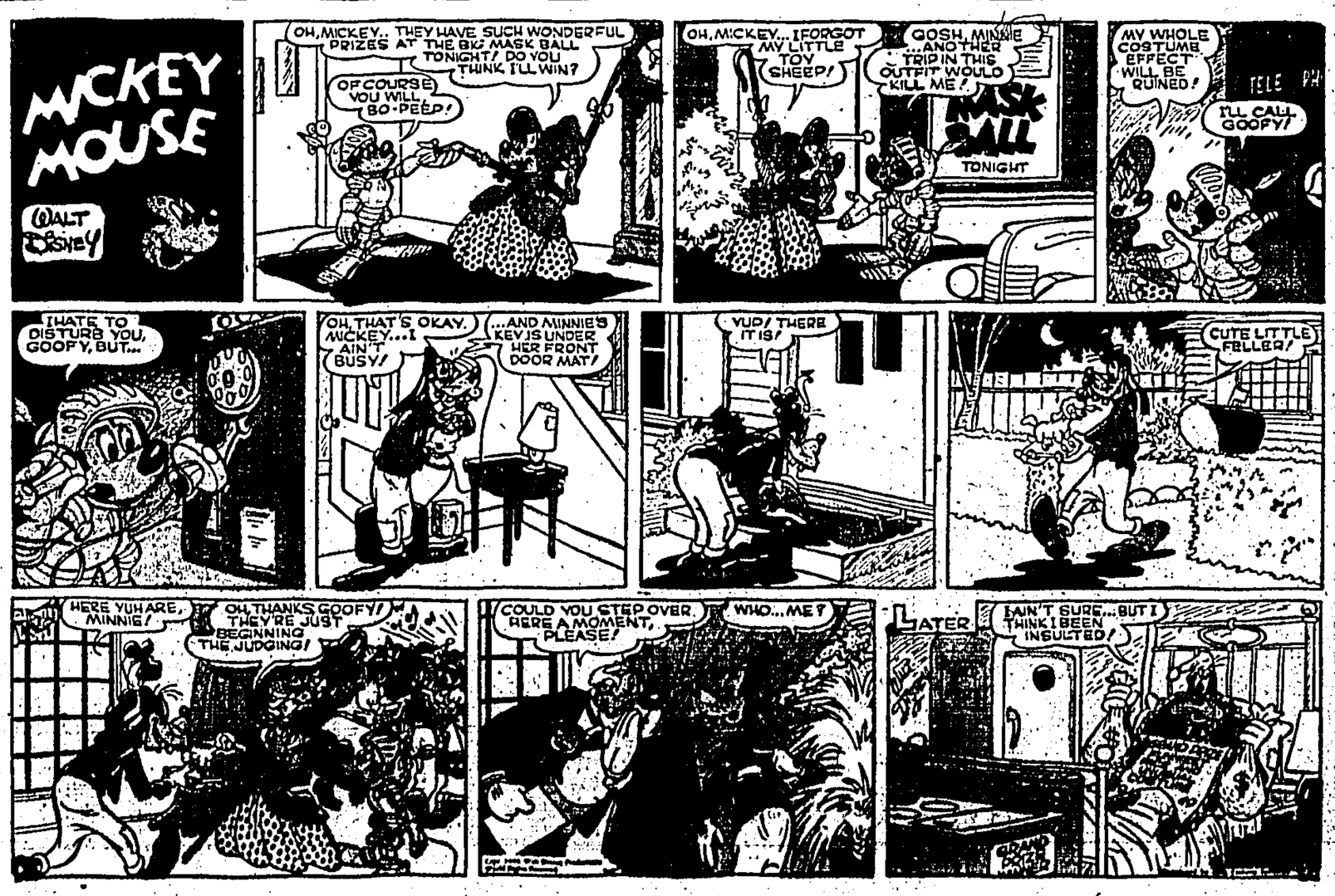
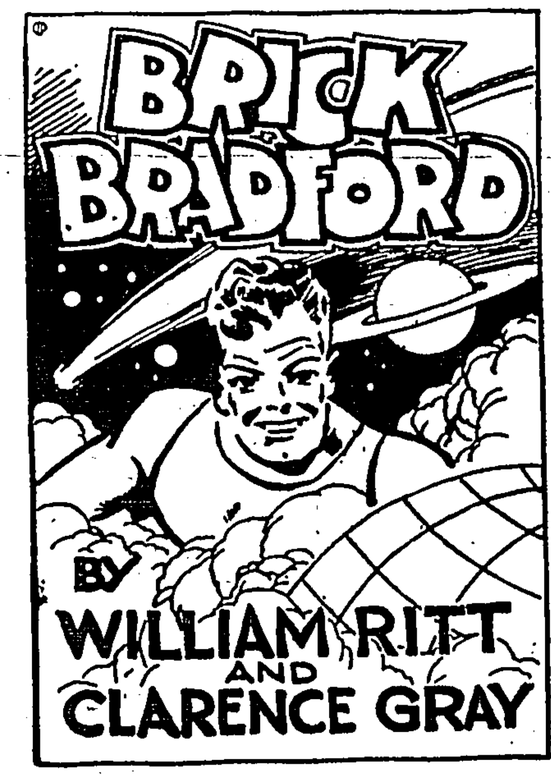
Answer: ELEPHANT.

Honour certificate to Robert W. Freer, aged 10, of 350, Prince Edward Road, Kowloon.




BRICK BRADFORD
BY WILLIAM RITT AND CLARENCE GRAY

• WHILE HIS ARMY FEASTS OVER ITS VICTORY, PACHACA, WHO HAS WON THE GREATEST BATTLE IN PERUVIAN HISTORY, SITS GLOOMILY IN HIS TENT •
A PRETTY PICTURE I WILL MAKE ON MY RETURN TO CUZCO — AN INVALID.
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MAY I COME IN? AND LOOK— THIS WAS TAKEN FROM THE PERSON OF THE FALLEN LORD OF THE ENEMY!
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THERE! NOW NONE WILL SEE YOUR HURT, DARL— O PRINCE PACHACA.
3

THANK YOU, LOVELY ONE!
HEY, PACHACA, NEVER KISS A GIRL'S HAND WHEN SHE HAS SUCH LOVELY LIPS!
4

DARLING!
5

GOLLY, YOU FOLKS TAKE A HINT QUICK ENOUGH! WELL, DO I GET TO BE BEST MAN?
6

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HARK! THAT SONG! IT IS ONLY SUNG IN HONOR OF THE INCA. WHO GAVE THEM PERMISSION?
8

I DID! WHEN YOU RETURN TO CUZCO — YOU AND NOT THAT WEAKLING URCO WILL BE KING!
THE VILLAGE UMA!
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NEXT WEEK ... CIVIL WAR?

By Roy Crane

OUR MOTHER

Everybody in the world has his own mother, no matter he is poor or rich, good or bad. Mother always loves her children very, very much. But most children are bad, naughty, and disobedient. They make her sad, disappointed and even make her cry. But still mother loves her children very dearly.

Mother does not only love us, but also teaches us to be good, kind to others, and forgive others. And she makes us helpful to mankind.

Mother is our guiding light, which shows us what is good or bad, and leads us to a right way.

Mother is the sun of a family, we grow under the sunshine, which gives heat and light to us.

Mother is our cradle, in which we rest comfortably. We only know love, happiness and enjoyment; but we do not know what is pain, sadness or disappointment.

Whenever we feel miserable or disappointed, she will comfort us, encourage us and help us.

When we are in pain or ill, she will sit beside us and try to make us happy, though she feels sad within her heart.

My mother once said to me, "Parents always love their children, but we hope for nothing in return. The only thing we hope is our children will be good and obedient."

I hope I will never forget those words for we must love our mother, and do what she wishes us to do from now onwards.

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Honour certificate to Francis Ho of 2, Homantin Hill Road, Kowloon.

Old Hair But Young Beard

Once there was old man, who lived in Mexico. Although he was old with age yet he was still very childish. His hair and beard alrady changed white in colour.

Now he did not want anyone to say that he was an old man, and owing to this matter he dyed his beard dark in colour, but he did not dye his hair, for he said he was going to wear a straw hat all the time and no one would notice it.

One day, just as he was walking along a street, he met a friend, and talked with him. While they were talking the wind blew off this old man's hat and immediately his friend saw his white hair and asked him, "Your hair is white but your beard is still black. Why is it like that?" "It's nothing to be surprised about, "answered the old man at once, "for you see my hair is 20 years older than my beard."

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Honour certificate to Francis Chan of 70, Prince Edward Road, 1st floor, Kowloon.

Who Am I?

My first is in hail and also in sail,
My second is in we but not in you,
My third is in set and also in bet,
My fourth is in pot but not in chess,
My fifth is in egg and also in peg,
My sixth is in ray but not in say.
My whole is something which one likes to read.

* * *

Answer: Letter

Honour certificate to Merle Louise aged 13, of 23, Fuk Wing Street, 1st floor, Shumshuipo.

Merry Moments

A little girl went to her first concert. After the fourth item by the singer she turned to her mother and asked: "Why is that man shaking a stick at the lady, mummy?"

"He's not, dear," was the reply. "He's conducting the orchestra."

"Well, why is she screaming?" was the puzzled question.

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Father (to little boy who forgets to say "Thank you"): Here is your cake, dear, and what do you say?

Little boy: I say that it's an awfully small piece.

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Woman (off to attend a meeting): I am not prejudiced at all.

Friend: You are going with a perfectly open and unbiased mind?

Woman: Yes, I am going with a perfectly open and unbiased mind to listen to what I'm convinced is pure rubbish!

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An absent-minded professor was awakened by the telephone at two a.m. The caller inquired: "Is that one, one, one, one?" "No," replied the professor. "This is eleven three." "So sorry," said the caller. "Wrong number. Sorry to have disturbed you at this hour." "That's all right," replied the professor. "I had to get up to answer the telephone anyhow."

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After a long illness Tommy returned to school.

"I'm glad to see you back," said the history master. "You'll have a lot to make up. How long have you been away?"

"Since William the Conqueror landed, sir."

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Father (sad and serious): I have a letter here from your teacher. He says he can teach you nothing.

Lazy Johnny: Well—eh—well, dad, didn't I tell you the teacher was no good?

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Johnny was the new boy behind the counter of a grocery store.

Boss: Did you get any orders while I was out?

Johnny: Only one, sir. Two men ordered me to put up my hands while they took away the safe.

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A patriotic American and a patriotic Englishman were talking about the size of their boats.

Englishman: Why, our ships are so big we can drive round the deck in cars!

American: That's nothing. Our ships are so big the cook has to get in a submarine to go through the soup to see if the potatoes are cooked.

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Teacher: What are you going to do when you grow up, Gordon?

Gordon: I'm going to follow my uncle's footsteps.

Teacher: But he's a burglar. Surely you aren't going to be a burglar?

Gordon: No, I'm going to be a policeman.

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Passenger: Fish Hook is a strange name for a station. Why do you call it that?

Porter: Because it's at the end of the line.

Who Am I?

My first is in H,
My second is in O,
My third is in N,
My fourth is in G,
My fifth is in K,
My sixth is in O,
My seventh is in N,
My eighth is in G.
My whole is a place where you're in right now.

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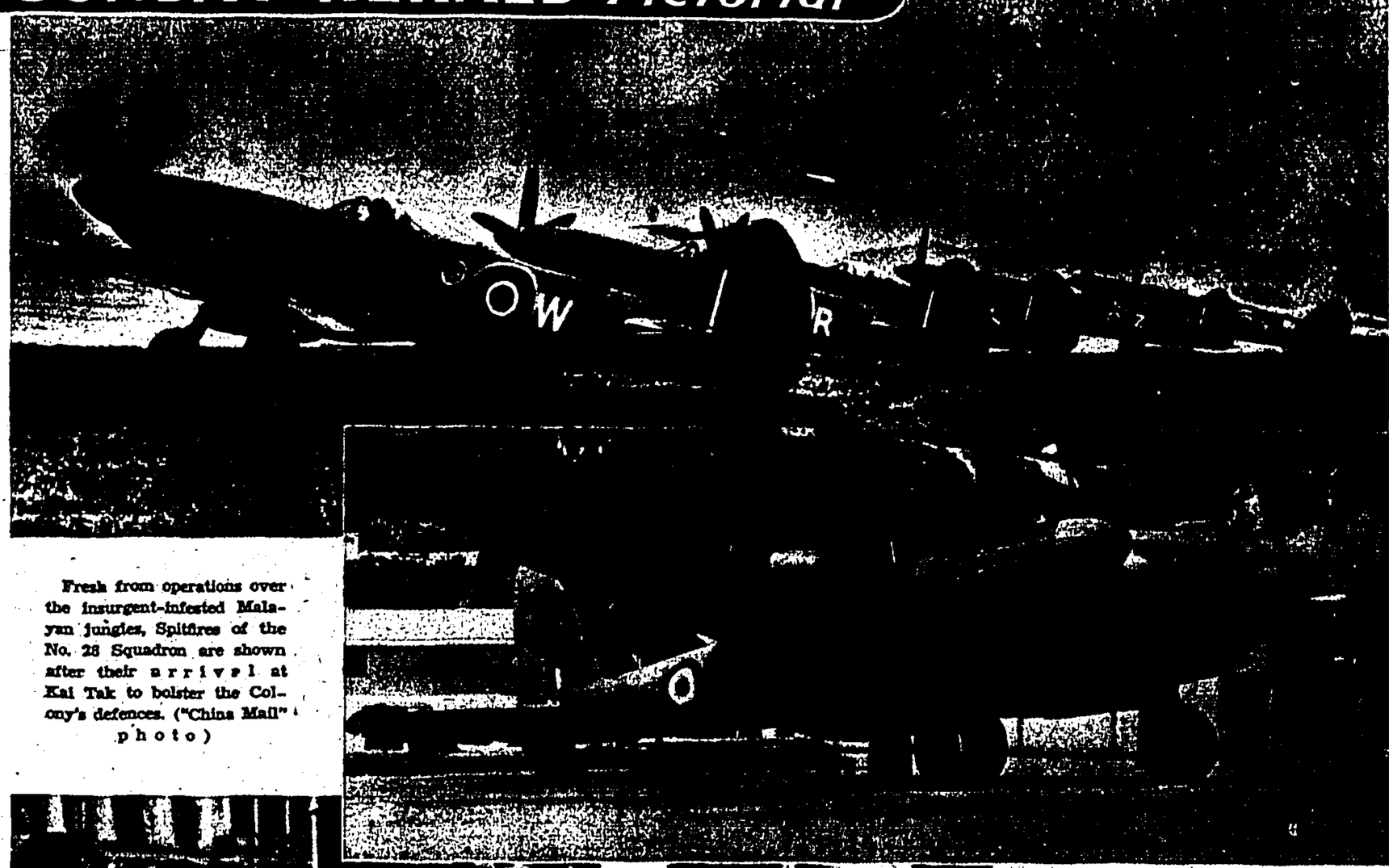
Answer: 'DNOX ONOH

Honour certificate to Cynthia Ozorio of 289, Prince Edward Road, Kowloon.

THE LONE RANGER

By Fran Striker



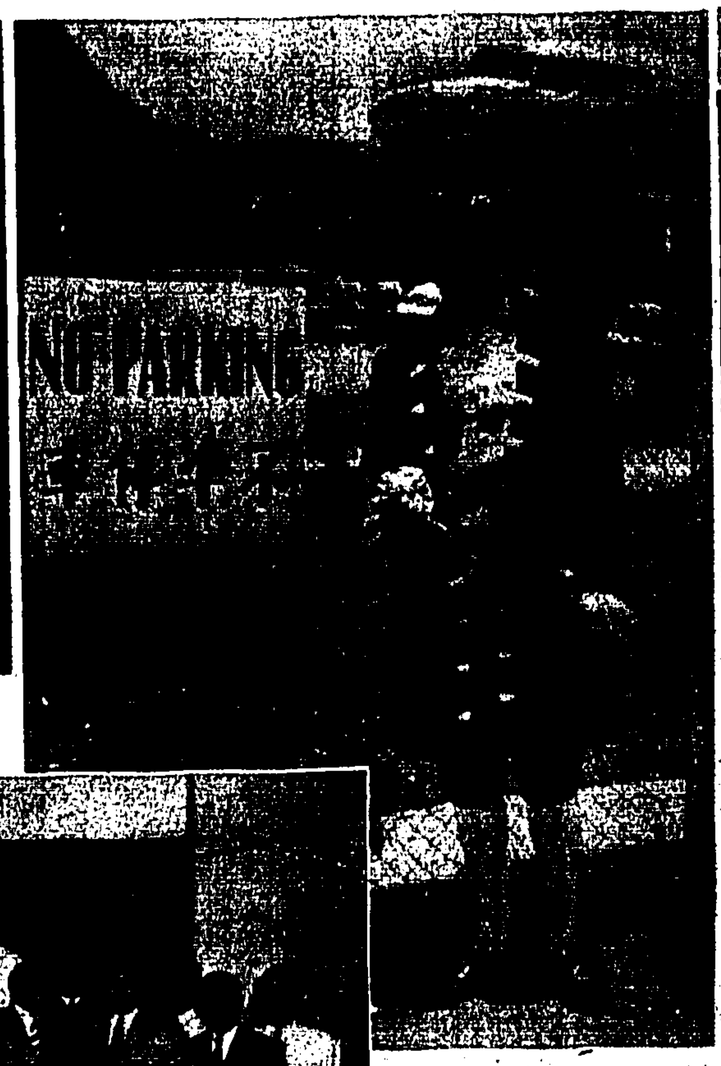
Fresh from operations over the insurgent-infested Malayan jungles, Spitfires of the No. 28 Squadron are shown after their arrival at Kai Tak to bolster the Colony's defences. ("China Mail" photo)

One of the Mosquito fighter bombers which arrived here recently from Malaya. ("China Mail" photo)

Mr. D. M. MacDougall, retiring Colonial Secretary, shakes hands with Mr. Ko Cheuk-hung, chairman of the Chinese Chamber of Commerce, prior to his departure. ("China Mail" photo)

Sir Man-kam Lo says farewell to Mr. D. M. MacDougall, retiring Colonial Secretary, who left the Colony recently ("China Mail" photo)

Group picture taken at a recent farewell party given by Mr. Ng Hon-kit, Managing Director of the Overseas Navigation Company, for Mr. K. C. Hamilton at the Kwong Chau Restaurant. ("China Mail" photo).



Mr. Knickerbocker—the Spirit of New York—paid a brief visit to Hong Kong recently on a global tour on behalf of the American metropolis. ("China Mail" photo)

Friends of Mr. K. C. Hamilton, retiring senior Government Marine Surveyor, pose for a photo at a farewell party given in his honour by Mr. Ng Hon-kit. ("China Mail" photo)

Something new has been added at the Hong Kong pier of the Star Ferry. Note the six wooden rails erected near the gates to the platforms which are hoped to facilitate easier boarding of ferries during the rush hours. ("China Mail" photo)

Mr. and Mrs. Ho Shiu-lun pose with relatives and friends Miss Wong Choi-king. ("

Sir Shouson Chow speaks at the Wah Yan Past Students Association luncheon on periences on the school bench. Sir Shouson was one of the first group of Chinese students to be sent to America for studies. ("China Mail" photo).

Michael Robert Ridley, from Shanghai, is shown with some of his friends who recently helped him to celebrate his sixth birthday. ("Mayfair" photo)

Married recently were Miss Mary Ellen Smith and Alec Charles Barton. Here, the couple pose after ceremony at the Rosary Church. ("China Mail" (photo)

A group of happy children pose for the photographer at the sixth birthday party of Michele Hart-Baker. ("Mayfair" photo)

Miss C. M. Xavier ascends the steps of St. Margaret's Church on the arm of Mr. N. Bothelo, who gave her away in marriage to Mr. Frederick Royston Gumbrell. ("China Mail" photo)..

Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Royston Gumbrell pose with their relatives and friends after their marriage at St. Margaret's Church. The bride is the former Miss C. M. Xavier. ("China Mail" photo).

s after their recent wedding. The bride is the former "Sun Ying Ming" photo)

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Lung, who were married at the Catholic Cathedral. The bride is the former Miss Lily Ai. ("Ming Yuen" photo)

Mr. Tse Foo-kin and his bride, the former Miss Kan Ngar-man, after their recent wedding. ("Sun Ying Ming" photo)

Amelia May and Rosalie Margaret Magdalen, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. P. E. Cox, after their recent baptism at St. Joseph's Church. They are students at St. Francis School. ("Ming Yuen" photo)

Married recently were Mr. and Mrs. Tsang Pui-hin. The bride is the former Miss Luk Yuk-yin. (Photo by Wong Shek Yeung.)

Mr. and Mrs. N. A. Narcham and friends after their wedding at Union Church on May 12. ("China Mail" photo).

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THE PHANTOM

By Lee Falk and Ray Moore

Wonder Questions

What is the origin of the word "eavesdrop"?

This dates back to Saxon times, when owners of private estates were not allowed to cultivate right to the edge of their land, but had to leave a space for the eaves or the roof projections. This space was called the eaves-drip, and those who placed themselves in the eaves-drip to overhear what was said in the adjacent house, were called eavesdroppers.

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What makes night and day?

The reason we have day and night is because the earth continually moves on an axis on its journey round the sun. The earth takes approximately 24 hours to move in one complete revolution. In that time, one half of the earth is in darkness, and the other half in the light of the sun, giving us night and day.

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Why don't safety matches strikes anywhere else but on the side of the box?

Before safety matches were invented, heads of matches were made of phosphorus (a substance that easily catches fire), and something containing oxygen, to make it burn more readily. But these matches were dangerous, because they caught fire even if rubbed accidentally. The safety match has no phosphorus in its head. The phosphorus is put on the outside of the box, and this match cannot catch fire except when purposely struck on the strip on the outside of the box.

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What is the "funny bone"?

Running into every muscle of the body is at least one round, whitish cord which is called a nerve. One of these nerves passes behind our elbow, quite close to the surface. If this nerve is hit, we feel a tingling in our little finger and the finger next to it. We feel this tingling because the nerve has nerve-fibres running from the brain to the muscles, making them move, and nerve fibres from the skin to the brain, letting us feel. When we knock the nerve, the fibres of feeling give us the tingling sensations in the two fingers controlled by the nerve.

Honest Labour

Once upon a time there lived an old blacksmith who was very honest and industrious.

He took great pains in making chains. Link after link, he fashioned, welded and finished it properly before he sold it.

The other blacksmiths were jealous of him and laughed at him as a foolish fellow. They said he didn't know what ease was and didn't know how to save trouble, for they were lazy men.

Although their words reached the old blacksmith ears, yet he ignored them and went on with his work.

Years passed. A ship met a terrible storm and was being tossed from one side to another. Anchors after anchors were dropped into the sea, but it was no use at all. So the ship was in a most dangerous condition. At last, the mighty sheet anchor made by the honest blacksmith was cast into the sea.

Indeed, it was an intensive moment. Would the chain hold? That was the question. Fortunately for the lives of all the passengers and crew the chain held fast and thus their lives were saved. How great is the strength of honest labour!

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Hounour certificate to Ip Chui Yuen of 16, Nam Chong Street, 2nd floor, Sham Shui Po.

YOUR DREAMS & WHAT THEY MEAN

LABEL—Fixing a label on a box or trunk, shows that you may expect a surprise.

LABORATORY—Danger and sickness.

LABOURER—Increased wealth.

LACE—A dream of the contrary—the more beautifully a woman is dressed in your dream the greater your trouble.

LANTERN—A fortunate omen if the light is good. If it is dim, or goes out altogether—then expect worries and difficulties.

LATE—To dream of being late means that your opinions will be asked.

LESSONS—A sign of good fortunes of every kind.

LETTERS—To receive a letter is a sign of unexpected news; but to send one portends some unexpected difficulty that will upset your plans. Letters are a sign of something unexpected.

LIGHTHOUSE—This is a very fortunate dream, and is not often encountered.

LONELY—Feeling lonely in a dream is favourable omen, but it shows that you must depend on your own exertions, not on the influence or help of friends or strangers.

LOOKING UP or DOWN—To dream of looking down from a height, shows that you are ambitious and have restless desires. Be careful not to overstep yourself in your schemes. But if you look upward, go ahead with all confidence.

LUGGAGE—Difficulties are in your path, though it depends upon the quantity of luggage you have with you, and whether you are able to deal with it successfully.

Shoe Polish And Sugar Cane

There are two types of natural wax—animal wax and vegetable wax.

A typical and very familiar animal wax is beeswax, secreted by the bees to make the cells of the honeycomb. Vegetable wax is secreted by various plants. In some cases it appears in the foliage, where it forms a shiny coating which guards against excessive transpiration or wetting of the cells.

Wax which forms on twigs forms a slippery surface which discourages unwanted insects which otherwise might reach the flowers and rob them of their honey.

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Vegetable wax is even found in the fibre of the sugar cane. And a way has now been developed by researchers of the United States Department of Agriculture to extract wax from the filter press cake—the waste fibre left over after the juice has been pressed from sugar cane.

Crude wax can be extracted from this waste fibre (previously used principally as fertiliser) through treatment with benzene, naphtha or toluene. The fat may then be eliminated from the crude wax by the use of acetone. As a final chemical treatment, alcohol may be used to remove much of the colouring matter and other impurities remaining in the wax.

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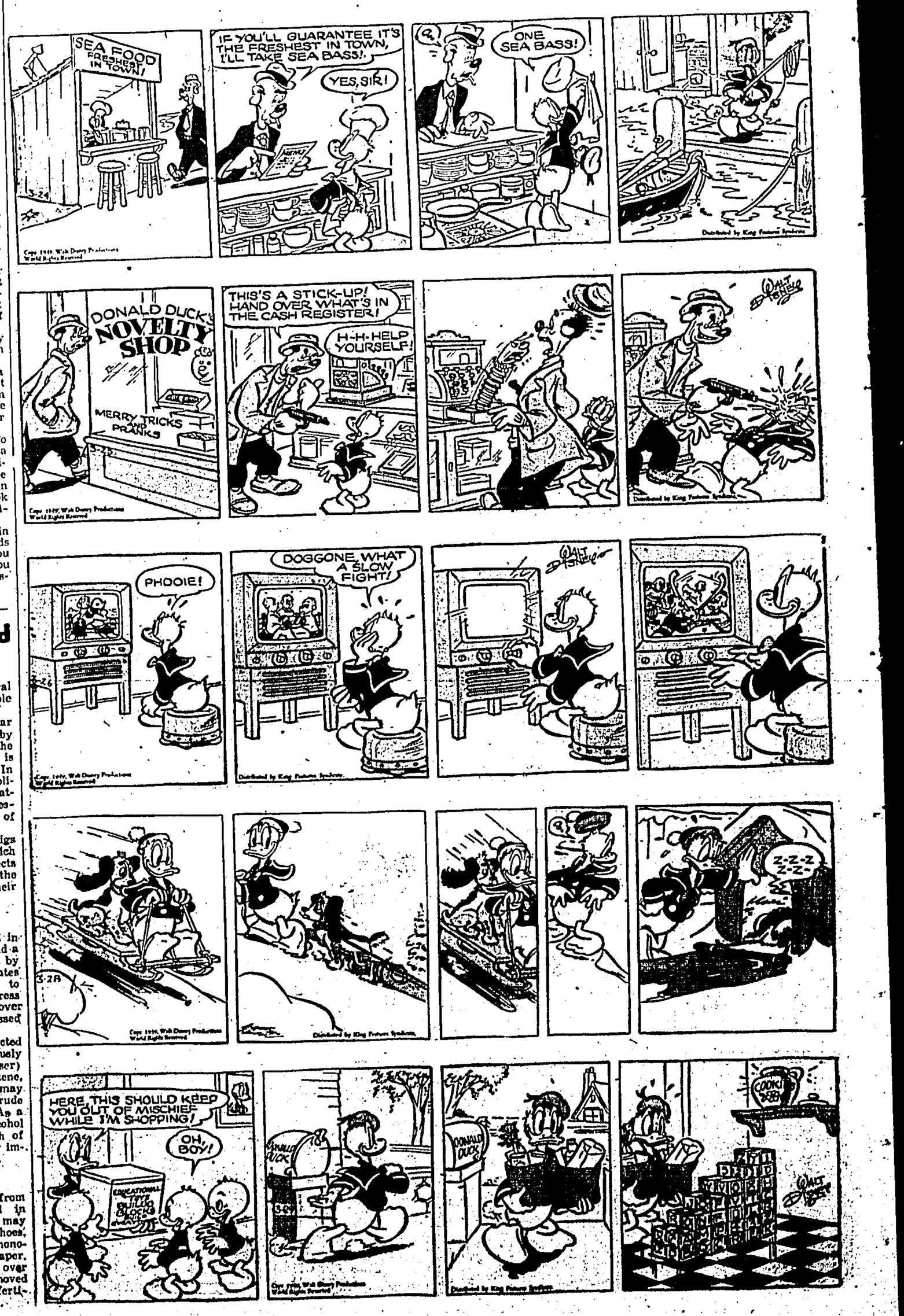
The fat which is removed from the crude wax may be used in cosmetics, and the wax itself may find a place in polishes for shoes, floors, and furniture; in phonograph records; and carbon paper. And the filter press cake left over after the wax has been removed is said to make even better fertiliser than the untreated cake.

DONALD DUCK

By Walt Disney



RUSTY RILEY

By Frank Godwin

In The Mailbag

CORALIE GILBERT I'll try my very best and see what I can do about those badges you mentioned. But I won't be able to promise you anything just yet.

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REGINALD ANDY Thank you so much for your letter. I'm sorry this thing has happened, but please don't be too disappointed. I do know how badly you feel.

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PETER CONNELL I'm sorry I addressed you wrongly. A thousand apologies.

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SAMUEL SAMY Here's wishing you pots of luck for your coming examination.

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FRANCIS CHAN I'm sorry, but we don't return any articles unless you enclose a stamp.

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Who Am I?

My first is in man but not in can,
My second is in arrow and also in know,
My third is in blue and also in you,
My fourth is in sand but not in hand,
My fifth is in grouse and also in house,
Put them together and I am a .....

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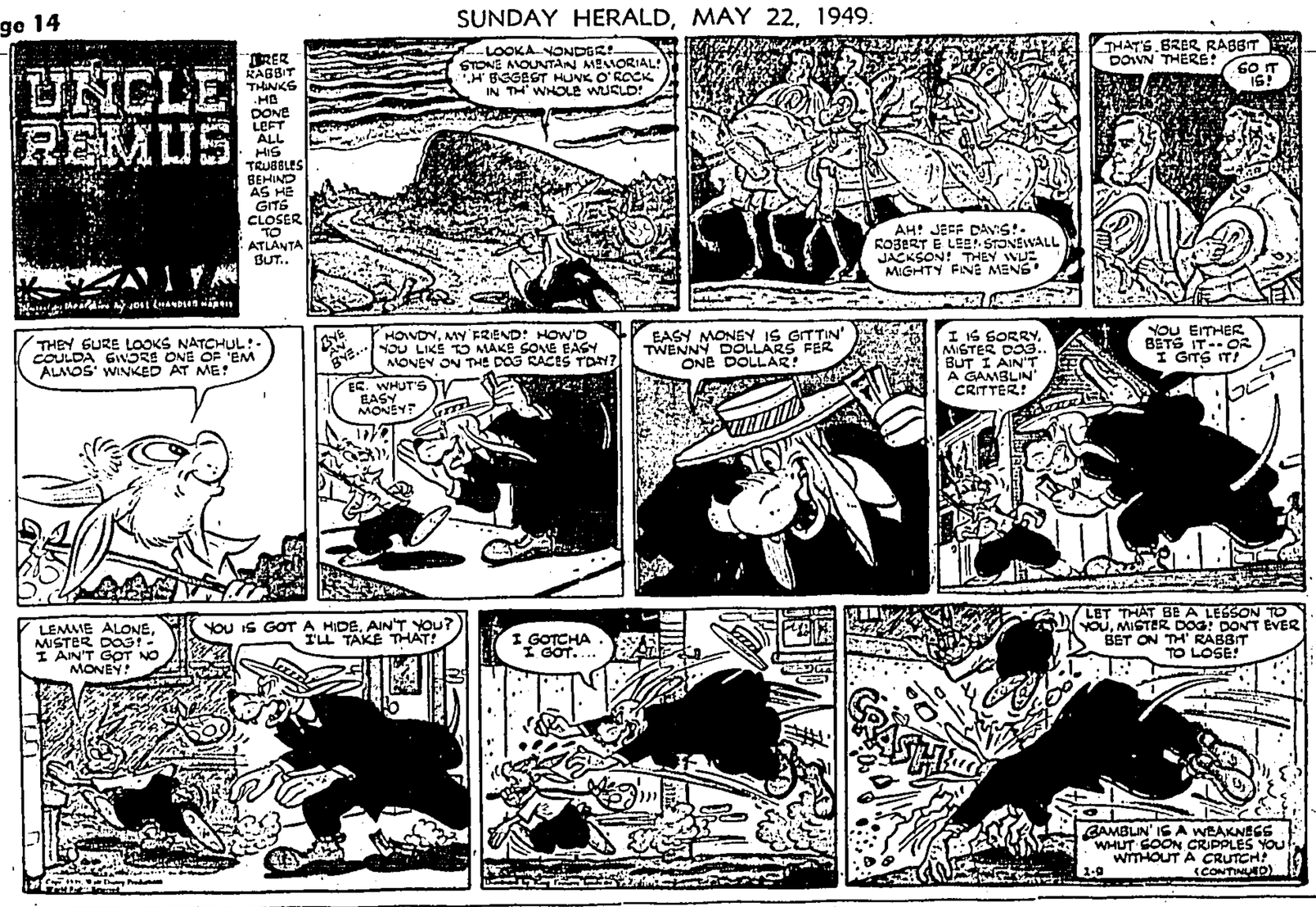
Answer: MOUSE

Honour certificate to Joan Milne of 172, Pokfulam Road, Hong Kong.



Children of the Jungle

By H. M. McKAY

Feverishly boy and girl changed course, and for a moment it seemed as if they would avoid the log; but all at once a chance current turned it directly towards them again, and this time there was no escaping its onrush.

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It struck the frail craft amidships with battering-ram force, and the tremendous shock split the canoe in two.

In an instant the children were in the water, struggling in that mad swirl.

Tom saw his sister break the surface a few yards from him.

He was a strong swimmer, and a few powerful strokes carried him to her. He caught hold of her and kicked for the nearest shore and by dint of their united efforts the pair of them reached the bank in safety and dragged themselves on to dry land.

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Their first reaction was one of thankfulness at having survived the disaster, but it was a relief that gave way to disquiet as they realised they were without food, and unarmed, in the heart of the wilds—miles from civilisation and at the mercy of any beast of prey that might be prowling near.

A solitary horseman in lightweight tropical clothing rode the jungle trail. He was travelling at a brisk pace, but as he reached a point where the forest track picked up the course of the river he saw something that caused him to slacken speed.

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Ahead of him were a boy and girl who looked bedraggled and singularly woebegone in that wild place—as indeed they had good reason to be, for they were Tom and Helen, and they had pulled themselves from the river's threshing waters only a few moments previously.

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The horseman approached them at a canter and halted beside them.

"Good evening, amigos," he greeted them in Spanish, eyeing them curiously. "What are you doing here in the heart of the jungle? Do you live near-by?"

"Not exactly," Tom answered, addressing him in the same tongue. "We were going up-stream when our canoe was overturned. We managed to gain the bank safely enough, but we—we were just about at our wits' end when you appeared. You see, we've lost food, rifle, ammunition . . ."

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He paused, regarding the stranger hopefully. He liked the look of the man. A planter, Tom judged him to be from his dress—tall, dark-haired, handsome, some 30 years of age, with a lightness of skin that indicated he was of pure Spanish blood.

"I see," the horseman murmured sympathetically. And where were you making for? It may be that I can help you to reach your destination."

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Tom described the locality towards which he and Helen had been journeying when disaster had overtaken them, and when the horseman produced a map the boy was able to point it out on this by the waning light that still lingered in the sky.

(To Be Continued)

Birthday Greetings

JANET WORKMAN of 20, Jubilee Buildings, Sham Sham Shui Pa, will be three years old today.

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On May 23, GILLIAN M. BUSHELL of 101, Wongneichong Road, Happy Valley, Hong Kong will be 14 years old.

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On May 25, NG WAH KUEN of 25 Jordan Road, 2nd floor, Kowloon will be 15 years old.

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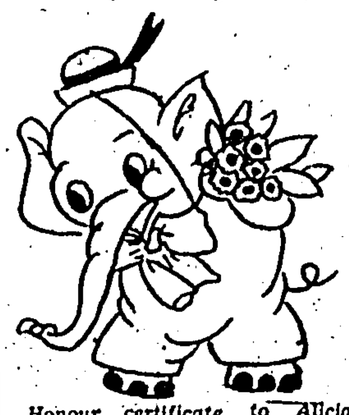
A Very Happy Birthday to the both of you.

Baby Elephant



Honour certificate to Alicia Yuen Garcia of Ma Tau Chung Camp No. 12 Hut, Kowloon.

My Sister

My sister May has big, black eyes.
A nose and mouth each fitly lies.
She works at days, and rest at night,
No doubt she's healthy, happy and wise.

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Honour certificate to Law Ping Shue of 27, Caroline Hill Road, 1st floor, Hong Kong.

CHARLIE CHIPMUNK'S NEIGHBOURS

Charlie Chipmunk and Johnny Squirrel had run to Granny Rabbit's house to shelter from a rainstorm. They had been hunting a home for Charlie Chipmunk, when the storm came. Granny Rabbit invited them to dry their clothes over the fire and to stay to dinner.

At dinner, Charlie and Johnny had told her that they were looking for a new home for Charlie, because his old nest in Farmer White's stone fence had cracks that let the rain in. Granny said she had heard there was a good hollow tree across from Mrs. Cottontail's new home.

After dinner was over, Charlie Chipmunk and Johnny Squirrel helped wash and dry the dishes for Granny Rabbit. Then she took a candle and led the way upstairs. There were two little cot beds with soft woollen blankets. She set the candle on the little bureau and started down the narrow stairs.

"Good night and pleasant dreams," she said.

"Thank you for your kindness," said Charlie Chipmunk and Johnny Squirrel together. Then they jumped into the little warm beds for the night. They were soon sound asleep and dreaming of pleasant things.

Next morning after breakfast, Granny Rabbit put on her bonnet and led the way to the vacant hollow tree house that stood across from Mrs. Cottontail's home.

"It will make a cozy home," said Granny Rabbit.

"The rain won't leak in here," said Johnny Squirrel.

"I think that I will stay," said Charlie Chipmunk, as he untied his muffler.

Granny Rabbit beckoned to Johnny Squirrel and they ran to the door. "We'll be back soon," called Granny Rabbit, with a twinkle in her eye, as they went out.

"I wonder what they are up to now," said Charlie Chipmunk to himself. Then he sat down and waited. After a long time, he heard footsteps.

He looked out of the open doorway, and there stood Mrs. Cottontail and Johnny Squirrel. They were carrying a little cot bed.

"Here's a present for you," said Johnny Squirrel, as he set up the bed in one corner of the room. "It's from Granny Rabbit."

"I've brought you an old table and a stool," said Mrs. Cottontail, as she put the furniture down in the middle of the room.

Charlie Chipmunk's bright little eyes shone more brightly than ever.

"Shan't I have a pretty house?" he asked. "Thank you all. But why are you doing all this for me?"

"We don't need these things," cried Granny Rabbit, who just then appeared in the doorway, her arms full of packages. "I found this old tablecloth, a few pictures, an old stove, and a few other things in my garret. You may call for the stove any time you wish."

"Ho, Ho," laughed Charlie Chipmunk. "I guess that the rain won't bother me any more. Thank you for all these nice things. I know how I can help you when the rain is over. I'll work in your gardens and split kindling for you, too."

"Thank you," said Granny Rabbit.

"Many thanks," said Mrs. Cottontail.

A Song Of Playing Safe

Playing Safe, Playing Safe,
You'll never get hurt,
You'll always remain happy.
If you please bear in your minds,
That Playing Safe is always wise.

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Honour certificate to May Ho of 17, On Lan Street, ground floor, Hong Kong.

Listening-Post

English-language programmes and news from the BBC in London can be heard in Hong Kong on the following stations:—

(All times are Hong Kong Summer Time)

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Relays of news broadcasts from the BBC in London, as well as other English-language programmes, can be heard by listeners over the following stations:—

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News relays may be heard at the following times: 8.00 p.m. and 1.00 p.m. from Monday to Friday and also at 10.00 a.m. on Saturday and Sunday on the wavelengths indicated above.

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44.31 metres	25.577 metres
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PROGRAMME NEWS
A Celebrated Wit

Sydney Smith, one of the greatest of English wits, is discussed this week by David Thompson in a talk originally broadcast in the BBC's Third Programme. The talk will deal particularly with the social personality and genius for living of this good-humoured and round little clergyman who looked remarkably like Mr. Punch and shone as a brilliant and amusing conversationalist in an age of wit and polish — the early nineteenth century.

Unlike many celebrated wits, Sydney Smith was always good-humoured and good-natured, never spiteful nor acidulous. Nevertheless his reputation for wit prevented him from being regarded as sufficiently pontifical for a bishopric, eminent though he was on matters of parliamentary reform and in intellectual and social circles. Perhaps the higher clergy disapproved of such remarks of his as 'the observances of the church concerning feasts and fasts are tolerably well kept upon the whole, since the rich keep the feasts and the poor the fasts!' They may have remembered too that he was capable, for a bet, of preaching in a parish where the local squire was called Kershaw and prefacing his sermon by a series of sneezes which he made to sound like 'Ker-shaw!'

General Overseas: Friday, 8.30 p.m.

Hitch Hike In France

'In one wayside bistro I stayed I found a remarkably mixed bag of celebrities' photographs pinned to the walls—de Gaulle, Petain, the King of England, Betty Hutton, Stalin and many others. The first thing the proprietor said to me was—"Don't talk politics, I can't stand it, I never vote." I hadn't uttered a word yet, but he went on, "That's why I stuck up both de Gaulle and Petain in here, so's no one can pick a quarrel with me. I had Laval up too—oh, for a long time—but his face depressed me, so I put Betty Hutton on top. Politics are the ruination of this country. Take my sons. Jean has got the communist fever, so what did he do—he got his brother Michele shut up in prison after the liberation because Michele is a dentist and he was called on to mend the teeth of a German officer."

Ann Swinton Lee heard that plaintive discourse from a bistro proprietor while she was on a recent hitch-hike of 2,400 kms. which she made from Paris to Barcelona and back. She will describe her adventures to the BBC's overseas listeners in an amusing talk which she very aptly calls 'More By Truck than Good Judgment.' Without enough cash to pay for third-class railway fares, this adventurous young woman made the journey largely by begging lifts on long-distance lorries and private cars. Her descriptions of the French people she met, and the conversation she had with them, are entertaining and informing.

Not every listener will wish to emulate her enterprise, for though she met with many kindnesses she had some adventures too, including jumping out of a window, being chased by dogs, and a night spent in the open—in mid-winter.

B.B.C. Highlights

Sunday, May 22

General Overseas Service.

P.M.

1.30 MUSIC FROM GRAND HOTEL Palm Court Orchestra Directed by Tom Jenkins.

3.15 'TIME FOR WORSHIP'—from Albany Road Baptist Church, Cardiff, conducted by the Rev. William Davies.

3.30 BBC SCOTTISH ORCHESTRA —Conductor: Ian Whyte
Overture: Oberon .....Weber
Siegfried Idyll .....Wagner

4.00 THE NEWS.

4.15 LISTENERS' CHOICE.

5.00 COUNTRY MAGAZINE.

5.30 SUNDAY SERVICE—from Albany Road Baptist Church, Cardiff, conducted by the Rev. William Davies.

8.15 'NIGHTS AT THE OPERA'—Presented by Barbara McFadyean (gramophone records).

9.15 'TAKE IT FROM HERE'—Joy Nichols, Dick Bentley, Jimmy Edwards, Wallas Eaton, Alan Dean, The Keynotes, BBC Revue Orchestra conductor, Frank Cantell.

9.45 COLONIAL QUESTIONS — A summary of private questions on Colonial Affairs in Parliament.

10.15 'MUSICAL MEMORIES' — The George Melachrino Orchestra Guest artist: Lester Ferguson.

11.00 RADIO NEWSREEL.

11.15 BRITISH CONCERT HALL—ROYAL PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA Conducted and presented by Sir Thomas Beecham
In the Fen Country .... Vaughan Williams
Symphony No. 4 in F minor ... . Tchaikovsky

12.15 FROM THE CHILDREN'S HOUR —'Jennings at School' Setting: a boys' preparatory school. Part 4: 'Jennings Sees the Light'

12.45 'CHURCHMEN IN PROFILE'—14: 'David S. Cairns' by Professor D. M. Baillie, D.D.

Monday, May 23

General Overseas Service.

A.M.

11.30 Bebe Daniels, Vic Oliver, and Ben Lyon in 'HI, GANG! 1949' —with Benny Lee, George Mitchell's Hi Gangsters, The Dance Orchestra, conducted by Stanley Black.

P.M.

12.30 LONDON SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA—Conducted by Muir Mathieson, Guest conductors: Haydn Wood and Eric Coates
Iris Loveridge (piano)
Festival March .....Haydn Wood
(Recorded repeat of first performance, conducted by the composer)
Waltz: The Emperor .... Johann Strauss
The Warsaw Concerto .... Richard Addinsell
Suite: The Three Elizabeths..... ..... Eric Coates
(conducted by the composer)
Scherzo (Concerto Symphonique No. 4) .....Litolff
Valse triste .....Sibelius
Hungarian March (The Damnation of Faust) .....Berlioz

4.45 UNITED NATIONS REPORT.

5.00 THE HISTORY OF HENRY ESMOND'—by W. M. Thackeray. Dramatised for broadcasting by John Keir Cross 4: 'A Debt of of Honour'

5.30 DONALD PEERS — Radio's 'Cavalier of Song' with the Peerettes. BBC Variety Orchestra, conductor, Rae Jenkins.

6.00 'BLACK HOUSE INTO WHITE' —The passing of a traditional way of life in the Outer Hebrides. Written by David Thomson with Dr. Werner Kissing of the University Museum of Archaeology and Ethnology, Cambridge, and Colum Maclean of the Irish Folklore Commission.

8.10 NEWS ANALYSIS

9.10 M.C.C. v. NEW ZEALAND—Cricket: A commentary by Rex Alston on the second day's play at Lord's.

11.00 RADIO NEWSREEL.

12.15 BBC MIDLAND LIGHT ORCHESTRA.

12.45 'COMMONWEALTH AND EMPIRE.'

Tuesday, May 24

A.M.

General Overseas Service.

11.45 'COMMONWEALTH AND EMPIRE'.

P.M.

1.30 'VARIETY BANDBOX' Special Empire Day Edition—from the Kiburn Empire, London with Albert Modley (Great Britain), Harry Rabinowitz (South Africa), Bill Kerr (Australia), The Maple Leaf Four (Canada), Kitty Bluett (Australia), Jan Muzurus (West Indies), Carl and Roger Yale (South Africa), and Len Moss (Canada), Billy Ternent and his Orchestra. Introduced by Robert Beatty (Canada) and Philip Slessor (Great Britain).

5.00 'LIVINGSTONE'—A feature for Empire Day written by D. F. Aiken.

6.00 'FROM THE THIRD PROGRAMME' A Serenade—Leonard Walton (clarinet) Max Gilbert (viola) Tudor Singers (Conductor: Harry Stubbs); The Boyd Neel Orchestra (Conductor: Boyd Neel).
To be sung of a summer night on the water .....Delius
Madrigals: Now is the Month of Maying .....Morley
Have I found her .....Bateson
Suite for oboe, clarinet, and viola .....Randall Thompson
Madrigals: Flora gave me Fairest flowers .....Wilbye
In going to my naked bed..... .....Richard Edwards
Air and Gigue .....Arne
To be sung of a summer night on the water .....Delius
and Prokofiev 'The Ugly Duckling,' sung by Eugenia Zareska (mezzo-soprano) with John Wills (accompanist).

9.10 M.C.C. v. NEW ZEALAND—Cricket: A commentary by Rex Alston on the third day's play at Lord's.

10.15 'RING UP THE CURTAIN'—BBC Symphony Orchestra Conducted by Warwick Braithwaite Walter Widdop (tenor) Excerpts from the Operas of Weber Introduced by Spike Hughes

11.00 RADIO NEWSREEL.

12.45 REPORT FROM BRITAIN.

Wednesday, May 25

General Overseas Service.

A.M.

11.00 'THE STORYTELLER' — 'The Three Hostages,' by John Buchan, last of eight episodes, read by Arthur Bush

5.00 Richard Murdoch in 'MUCH-BINDING-IN-THE-MARSH'

5.30 'MARCHING ON THE BEAT'—Metropolitan Police Central Band Conductor: Mr. Roger Barsotti.

6.00 'CONCERTO'—A series of weekly programmes Skerjane's Piano Concerto played by Kendall Taylor and the BBC Northern Orchestra, conductor, Charles Groves. Programme also includes: Vaughan Williams's Overture: The Wasps, and Dvorak's Symphonic Variations.

8.45 'GENERALLY SPEAKING' — 'More by Truck Than Good Judgment,' a talk by Ann Swinton Lee.

9.15 BBC SCOTTISH ORCHESTRA—Conductor: Ian Whyte.
Serenade in D, Op. 11...Brahms

11.00 RADIO NEWSREEL.

11.15 LONDON SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA.

12.45 BALANCE OF EUROPE — A commentary by Andrew Shonfield, on the Recovery Programme.

Thursday, May 26

General Overseas Service.

A.M.

11.45 BALANCE OF EUROPE.

P.M.

1.30 'MARCHING ON THE BEAT'.

2.00 BBC MIDLAND LIGHT ORCHESTRA.

5.00 'IN BRITAIN NOW'—A National Magazine.

7.00 SCIENCE AND EVERYDAY LIFE—Dr. E. Ashworth Underwood talks about the relation of microbes to disease.

9.15 'LET'S MAKE MUSIC'—The Squadronaires Dance Orchestra directed by Jimmy Miller, with The Quads, the Squads Choir; Harry Leader and his Band, with Peggy Reid and Alan Dean.

10.15 JACQUES FEVRIER (piano) —Music of Schubert and Brahms

12.45 SPECIAL DISPATCH.

Keep this page for use during the week.

Friday, May 27

General Overseas Service.

A.M.

11.00 'MEET THE COMMONWEALTH'.

11.30 'WITHOUT ANOTHER WORD' —Alan Paul and Edna Hatzfield at two pianos. Harold Smart (organ).

5.00 'THE QUEEN OF SPADES'—by Pushkin. Adapted by Colin Stephenson.

6.15 'HANDS ACROSS THE KEYS'—A piano interlude by David Buchan.

7.00 'THE MAKING OF THE NOVEL' The Characters—Second of a series of illustrated talks by Hugh Sykes Davies on the structure of the novel.

8.30 'FROM THE THIRD PROGRAMME' 'The Genius of Sydney Smith'—by David Thomson.

9.15 Cyril Stapleton and his Orchestra in 'THE MUSIC BOX'

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According to our arithmetic this would save some 200,000 packets of dog biscuits a year, which we should give to pigs. By this simple act we should earn for ourself the proud title of the man who brought back the edible sausage to the breakast-table of the masses.

We even discovered that, had we a mind to do so, we could go round the world no fewer than 416 times in a luxury cruise liner, providing that we lived to be 82—an improbability, we thought, when we remembered those hearty, red-faced men and athletic, leathery women on the Sports Committee, who won't tolerate a sedentary passenger who prefers hiding in the funnels to deck quoits and diving.

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1. Although World War II lasted longer than its predecessor, British Empire casualties in the first world war were far heavier. What did they total?
2. What were Empire casualties in the six years of World War II?
3. Who was the Archbishop of Canterbury who was killed in the Cathedral in 1162?
4. Adrian IV is the only Englishman ever to have been elected Pope. What was his lay name and when did he occupy the Throne of St. Peter?
5. Who Wrote this:
   "We must be free or die, who speak the tongue
   That Shakespeare spake; the the faith and morals hold
   Which Milton held."
6. Who said that "where law ends, tyranny begins."?

(Answers on Page 2)

NEWS QUIZ

1. What is the new Hong Kong law called under which all political bodies affiliated with organisations outside the Colony will be banned?
2. The first body of Army reinforcements for Hong Kong arrived during the week by air from Singapore. To what Corps do they belong?
3. Quite a stir was caused when Scotland Yard men took a Communist off a Polish steamer at Southampton. What was the man's name?
4. A new world's record was established in a tennis match at Los Angeles last week. How many games were played in the first set and how long did the whole five-set match take?
5. Soviet Russia was given an electoral smack in the eye last week. In which occupied country did the election take place?
6. Malaya has been offered a huge free grant towards its war damage compensation scheme by the British Government. What is the amount?

(Answers on Page 2)

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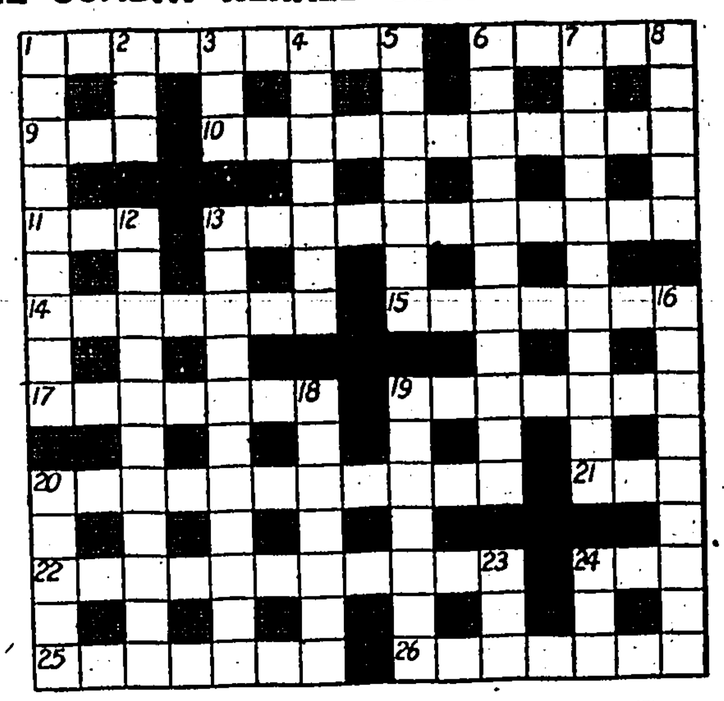

Across

1 But was it such a fine sounding turn-out? (6, 3)
6 There were not so many during the curfew era. (5)
9 Nonsense! shift the hill round. (3)
10 Such unsympathetic people would no doubt stand a good hammering. (4, 2, 5)
11 Slippery customer for the customer. (3)
13 It's their job to see that ladies are 15 in a manner fitting for all occasions. (11)
14 The hips are their precursor. (7)
15 See 13a. (7)
17 He who does surely avoids being indebted to another. (7)
19 Possible Power—got from drinking? (7)
20 Sage like Minerva's emblem. (4, 2, 2, 3)
21 Sail for a festive occasion. (3)
22 "Shades of the —— begin to close Upon the growing boy" (Wordsworth). (6-5)
24 This creature's a bit of a blooming nuisance. (3)
25 Wartime sleeper, as it were. (7)
26 A bit to quote. (7)

Down

1 How the driver of 1A would lash out. (9)
2 A catchy thing set back in 19. (3)
3 All brochures contain this expression. (3)
4 Makes rapid progress in professions. (7)
5 The artist is in bed. (7)
6 One's basic is, no doubt. (11)
7 Suggests an albino donkey at present. (5, 2, 4)
8 All these are a question of policy. (5)
12 Existing size. (5, 2, 4)
13 Presumably the block-head is so hard of hearing. (4, 2, 1, 4)
16 The fictitious Scottish reverend doctor's study might well have been. (3, 2, 4)
18 Sam's turned up with her. (7)
19 Purse of plenty? (7)
20 How one makes a clean slate of it. (5)
23 And the others fall short. (3)
24 Obsolete railway line. (3)

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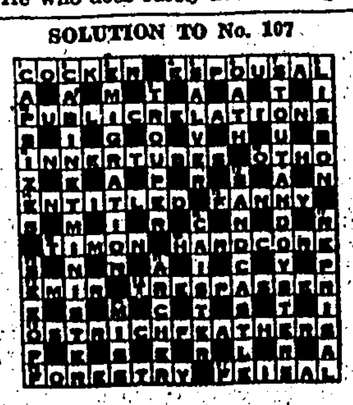

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BRIDGE

The recent match between the two teams of women aspirants for European international honours ended indecisively and showed that more intensive partnership training is required. The replay on Thursday and Friday was won by Mrs. Fleming's team. Here is a hand from the original match where better results might have been obtained:

North: S A K J 6 5 H K Q J 2 D K 6 C A 8
West: S 10 9 2 H 10 8 6 4 D A 8 3 2 C 10 3
East: S Q 8 7 4 H A 9 3 D 10 9 4 C K J 6
South: S 3 H 7 5 D Q J 7 5 C Q 9 7 5 4 2

In one room North, the dealer, opened with One Spade, all passed and the contract was just made. In the other room North, playing C.A.B., bid Two Spades, South Two No-trumps, North Three Hearts and South Three No-trumps. Only seven tricks were made. The opening lead was the Two of Diamonds.

The reader should now decide upon his plan of play. Actually Trick 1 was Diamonds Two, Five, Nine and Jack. This was South's first error. She should have played the King to make sure of an entry card in her own hand later for her Clubs.

At Trick 2 she led the Three of Spades to the Two, Jack and Queen, thereby paving the way for the disaster which followed. The result might have been very different had she realised that the likely future in the hand lay in exploring Clubs. With the King of Diamonds played at Trick 1 and the Ace and a small Club at Tricks 2 and 3, the prospects would certainly have been brighter.

In some circles the response of Two No-trumps to an opening "limited" two-bid is much abused. South should have bid Three Clubs not only because it is the informative and natural bid, but also because it gives her partner a chance to bid Three No-trumps and avoid the strong hand being the exposed hand.

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America, land of invention, has invented a new thermometer, which tells the temperature in terms of colour.

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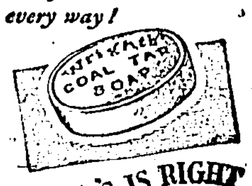

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Fingerprint Sleuth:

"GHOST" CRIME IN THE OLD CURIOSITY SHOP

By Chief Detective Inspector Sydney S. Birch, Late Of Scotland Yard.

Poor old Millie the Witch, whose dead father had been the local gravedigger, saw ghosts every night. She used to scream "Help! Murder! Get out!" each midnight and sob to the phantoms to leave her alone.

After five years of this her neighbours in an old Southern town paid no more heed—except to switch on the bedlight and look at each other in mild exasperation when her nocturnal rantings occasionally aroused the children.

The children soon slept again. Everybody in earshot developed tolerance. They had to. For old Millie was beyond neighbourly reasoning.

Carried Bundles Of Notes

Her cottage had been the local curiosity shop. Its front window still held a jumble of chipped antiques and rubbish, all velveted under dust thick as a fall of grey snow.

No customer had entered for five years. Millie—herself the most gnarled antique of all—would probably not have served them if they had.

She lived alone. It was the neighbours' children who first called her "Millie the Witch." She had nobody—except the ghost of her gravedigger father and a ragged pageant of other imaginary visitants, who came to reproach her for old quarrels and mistakes that everybody else in the world had long since forgotten.

There were furnished bedrooms in the cottage, but Millie slept on a tattered couch in the shop. Hidden bundles of soiled 10s. notes bulged her garments.

So when a man stalked in at midnight of September 17, 1944, to kill her for this money Millie, who had screamed so often against the shadows, this time sobbed and pleaded in vain at reality.

"Help!" she wailed. "Help me! I'm being murdered! Help!..."

Murder Hunt In A Fog

The neighbours heard it all. They sighed tolerantly. "Poor old Millie—wish she'd shut up."

But the next day the milk stood uncollected on Millie's dingy doorstep. Her black cat freited outside.

The neighbours began to have qualms. They remembered uneasily that the noise in the night had surpassed all the previous noises. Somebody went for the police.

Superintendent Peel, of the local force, came to the cottage. Its door was open. He found Millie dead on the shop floor with her jaw broken three times and her ribs crushed. He called in Scotland Yard—and as his message was relayed to my phone in the Fingerprint Department the summer of 1944 ended abruptly in a blanketing fog.

Detective-constable Harry Carter, of the Yard's Photographic Department, drove with me in the fingerprint car that carried our portable crime and identification laboratory on the 70-mile journey.

The Old Curiosity Shop was a desolate, low-roofed and dark cottage. Inside it looked eerie. Nothing had been disturbed. Black-out curtains still shut out the grey daylight. A small oil lamp spluttered on the dusty table, nearing the end of its paraffin. Millie lay by her misshapened couch.

A small cloth bag, pinned in her garments, held 63 10s. notes. A pocket contained another small cloth bag with 37 notes. In crannies about the room was a total of £137—all in 10s. notes. Some lay scattered beside her.

Five-Year-Old Fingerprints

The room was crammed with shoddy furniture. Yet here and there, in the yellow lamplight, a mahogany or satin rosewood piece gleamed among the debris.

Harry Carter and I found it difficult to move without rubbing against some surface that might hold the vital fingerprint.

It was slow, laborious work. Dust lay on everything. Fingerprints were there—some of which could have been more than five years old. We had to sort them all out and trace their owners. Floodlights were set up and we examined the black-out boards and curtain fittings first.

The killer had made our task harder by not going through the rest of the house, where his movements and prints might have been more easily traced. The upstairs rooms were so deep in dust that even the bare boards around their crumbling carpets felt as if they were covered in felt.

I spent all afternoon and evening searching for fingerprints. As each was located I pasted a paper arrow alongside it. The walls, windows, doorway and furniture became plastered with arrows.

Next day the local police took away an ancient brass-bound invalid chair piled high with articles from the shop, all smothered with fingerprint arrows.

The job was to identify each of this array of prints—though we knew that each owner could say: "Certainly those are my fingerprints. I did enter the cottage. After all, it was a shop, wasn't it?"

Just the same, police with ink rollers and cards went among neighbours and tradesmen—for we were certain the murderer knew the dead women. She had kept her doors barred and chained at night. Only to a known voice would she have been likely to open them.

Yes, it was slow work. But a neighbour, whose prints were on the shop doorway, explained that she stopped at the Old Curiosity Shop several nights before the murder when she saw a crouching airman peering through the cottage keyhole. She flashed her torch on him and he told her he owed money to Millie and had come to pay it back. Then another airman across the street called: "Paddy, let's get out of it." Both men disappeared.

That was interesting. There was an R.A.F. camp nearby. Its men knew the tales of the Old Curiosity Shop witch. Detectives went to the camp to question every man called "Paddy" — and every airman out of camp on the murder date.

Paddy Had A Pile Of Cash

They asked each not only about himself and his own movements, but also about the other airmen, until a composite picture was built up of who had left camp together, returned together, others who had seen them together, and what they were seen doing in the town.

One moody young airman named Brown, aged 26, whose pals called him "Paddy," though his real name was Andrew, declared glibly that he had been back in camp by 10 o'clock.

But at least two airmen said they had seen him in the streets around midnight.

Meanwhile other detectives were touring shops, taverns, cinemas to ask if anybody had noticed an airman with a fairly large sum of money in 10s. notes.

Two girls in a public-house told how they were in a cinema queue when a young airman, who heard them worrying about the cost of tickets, produced a bundle of 10s. notes and said: "Don't bother about money—look, I've plenty!"

He paid for their seats, afterwards took them for drinks, and changed two more 10s. notes during the evening.

Brown had no 10s. notes in his pockets or among his kit when police searched him. But the two young women picked him out at an identification parade, while Brown stood white, sulky with rage.

Chief-Detective Inspector T. Barrett, of Scotland Yard, a brilliantly intuitive investigator, had a long talk with him. He took him over every item in the statements, showed where his own conflicted against those of witnesses—and finally took Brown for a daylight walk along the road to the camp.

With something of that sixth-sense that Customs experts have for guilty reaction, Barrett stopped Brown at a spot where a small wooden bridge crossed a stream.

"And what," he asked stonily, "did you throw into the water from this bridge?"

Brown licked dry lips. He looked wildly around. "Only... a bit of cloth," he said.

The Clue In The Water

Barrett nodded to his Murder Squad assistant Sergeant Morris, who went down to the weeds and searched.

Soon the sergeant was back, holding a drenched piece of cloth. Spread out it showed peculiar stitchings in variously coloured wools.

Back to the Old Curiosity Shop went Barrett. In a dusty drawer he found other pieces of matching cloth, with identical stitching...and even deeper among the junk were the skeins of coloured thread that had fed the needle.

"Where'd you hide the money?" Barrett asked now, his eyes staring straight into Brown's face.

There was a long silence. Brown simply could not understand how his secrets were being dragged so starkly into the light.

He looked from face to face. No one moved or spoke. Then, suddenly, Brown heaved a deep sigh. "Oh, I can see you know all I said was lies," he said. "I'll show you where I hid the money."

Still no one spoke. Silently they followed him along the path to the camp—where, under a large stone, lay about a dozen of the 10s. notes.

Brown stood motionless as he watched Inspector Barrett gather them up. His little day of being a man with money to burn was over.

One casual evening in a tavern talking with a couple of girls, a grandiose waving of a small wad of notes—that was all he got for putting his neck in a hangman's noose...

In the gathering fog he had sent Millie the Witch to join her ghosts. In the gathering fog he paid the final price. Heavily, the prison bell tolled through the phantom mist...

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New Boxing Utopia

By JIMMY WILDE, Ex-World Flyweight Champion

My complaint last week that the way is being made easy for poor-quality boxers to earn big money has had an unexpected sequel. Another promoter has rushed into the arena to offer further opportunities for boxers to cash in on the shortage.

That at least is the first impression caused by Jack Cappell's announcement that he is returning to big boxing.

He staged some big shows around the end of the war, and then went to Australia. Back in England, he has been visiting some recent shows, and apparently has not been impressed with the showing of the boxers involved. I couldn't agree more.

Jack Solomons, who was once Cappell's chief executive and has since blossomed out as a leading world promoter, must have mixed thoughts about this challenge to the heart of his domain as he plans to invade the American scene with his promotions.

Solomons at least cannot be blamed for the slump in standards. He has now confirmed the cancellation of his next Harringay show because of lack of talent, but that doesn't help in easing the shortage.

The arrival of another promoter does, however, open up possibilities. First, the public should benefit. With more competition and less money for them to throw about, they will be able to discriminate between shows. Competition may even force prices lower.

Cappell denies that he is setting up in rivalry to Solomons and the Empress Hall organisation—"It's just commercial competition," he declares—but he has thought of one good idea.

Under a new Board of Control rule he must put on four minor shows in order to qualify to stage a championship, his ambition for his opening tournament at Olympia.

To Run Nursery

Cappell declares he is turning this qualifying period to good use by running a nursery at Mile End arena, and that in furtherance of this policy he may continue to run this type of show even when established as a big time man.

If Cappell keeps to this ideal he will deserve the congratulations of all who have boxing at heart.

Details are still in the air, but I prophesy a raid on the amateur ranks. Through his matchmaker he promises as "many new faces and new boys as I can manage," and for this qualifying period, at least, when top prices will be only one guinea, he is not setting out with the idea of making a profit.

Other promoters in London's East End have also discovered that profits are not easy. The public there insist on getting good value. Cappell believes that with his non-profit motive he will be able to stage shows costing 60 to 75 per cent more than normal commercial shows. We shall see how the combination of top-pay talent and unknown faces works out.

I suggest that the next promoter who wishes to improve the monotony of our boxing diet find a use for the old boxers who hang around gymnasia with nothing to do. Why not set some of them to go out and find and instruct talent?

While we are hearing this encouraging, if somewhat airy, talk about a new Utopia for boxing fans, the Empress Hall organisation is putting its "cheap seats for good shows" theory to the test.

But London is not being allowed to get away with all the plums. Manchester and Liverpool show fierce rivalry with two planned dates early next month, when on successive nights Liverpool expects to stage the much-postponed Thomas-Hawthorne welterweight eliminator and Belle Vue, Manchester, responds with the Ray Famechon—Ronnie Clayton duel for the European feathers championship.

Princess And The Press

By IAN COSTER

Incredible nonsense has been written about the Italian tour of Princess Margaret by newspapers as different as "The Times", which was pompously indignant from London (having no reporter on the spot), and the "Sunday Pictorial," which had a representative there.

Let it be known that Princess Margaret is enjoying her tour, that she has not been "pestered by the attentions of curious sightseers," that the "diurnal beargarden" is a bit of imagination from Printing House-square.

The worst that can be said (and for a fortnight I have been travelling on her tour) is that enthusiastic cameramen, mostly Italian, photographed her—usually with her permission—in close-up, their flash-lamps popping under her nose. But she was not unduly disturbed. In fact, her smile, which has charmed Italy, never wore off.

Italians Polite

Her arrival in Naples was hardly noticed by the inhabitants. Italians are a naturally polite people.

They did not crush forward and mob her; at Naples, Capri, Sorrento, Rome they contented themselves with sedate hand-clapping.

Neither were there screaming tourists to embarrass her. On Capri, an intimate little island, she walked the narrow streets, dined in the hotel dining-room, and everybody, including the Press, forbore to look in her direction.

In the mornings—and she usually began her day's programme at 11 o'clock—the British and the Italian Press, standing unobtrusively in the background, were greeted with a smile.

Cameramen, controlled by two Scotland Yard men and five or six Italian plain-clothes men, took pictures when they were allowed.

The one exception was on Capri when Princess Margaret did her bathing in her modest swim-suit.

Small Island

It had been indicated that the Princess wished "to disappear." But on an island as small as Capri that was impossible, and some cameramen took pictures. There was no official protest about them—and why should there be?

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Between Ourselves

Hankies, Beads And Buttons

BY JANET MARTIN

More than ever, it is the accessory touches which give that right-up-to the-minute look to the ensemble. The lady of fashion must follow ever more closely the how and where and when of planned detail.

This is one of the most interesting aspects of modern fashion at all levels and the best means of being smartly dressed on a limited budget.

Buttons this year come into the category of accessories. Buttons sometimes useful, but more often purely ornamental, march in single or double file all over the season's smartest tailored frocks and suits. Skirts are buttoned down the back, front or sides; panels, peplums and pockets are buttoned back; rows of little buttons adorn the edges of collars, cuffs and revers, or embellish the belt.

The importance of pockets brings handkerchiefs back into the picture, with plain chiffon as favourite in a galaxy of glorious colours.

Tuck these wisps of colour loosely into breast pockets, or let them trail with studied negligence from pockets below waist level at front, side or back. They must tone with shoes, bag or gloves in the new accessory colours.

Coloured Shoes

Shoes for formal wear are cut on the elegant lines of the classic court shoe, with closed toe and heel, and adorned sometimes with buckles, gilt and jewels, or with little jewelled motifs to match your earrings.

New shoe colours include a lovely grey, the shade of English pewter, lavender mauve, ivy leaf green and dust brown, usually in fine kid or suede. These unusual new shades can be made the keynote of your colour scheme.

A charming summer suit in pearl grey linen was shown in one of the London collections with accessories in three shades of mauve—matched shoes and bag; shortie gloves in a lighter shade and chiffon hankie in a deeper shade trailing from the jacket pocket.

With jewellery there are two noticeable trends. First is the importance of necklaces—a natural cellary to the vogue for lower and still lower necklines. Pearl ropes, ungraduated, are to be seen everywhere, still first favourite.

But instead of wearing your pearls choker fashion, they must be in a long, long string, looped once or twice round the throat, then falling in longer loops to tuck inside the decollete of your frocks, or the ends can be left free and knotted together in front.

Dainty Jewellery

The other important trend in costume jewellery is the return of dainty pieces. Put away your chunky, baroque earrings or clips and bring out those delicate pendants and dainty flower earrings, necklaces with fringes of tiny beads and matching beaded bracelets. Clips and brooches of perfect detail, simulating flowers, feathers and tiny animals glitter with small stones, or gleam with discrete pearls.

There is a note of skilful design and delicate workmanship about the new jewellery which chimes perfectly with the softer and more gracious line of the clothes they adorn.

Small motifs are worn in new places. A little clip, to match your earrings, may be secured to the flap of a below-the-waist pocket, to the wrist of a short glove or at the side of a plain court shoe. Your pearl choker will make a new bracelet of six or eight rows to match your long pearl rope and wear with elbow or threequarter sleeves.

To accentuate accessory colours you will wear the realistic of artificial flowers to break the line of a plain, low neck, or at the waist of a draped skirt.

Mainly For Mothers

By Sister Mary Martin

We go to no end of trouble to train our children in manners, correct posture and good habits. Sometimes we overtrain them and then we wonder what is wrong.

But when it comes to the question of straight or curly hair many a mother sighs and takes it for granted that her little daughter is meant, evidently, to be a Straight Jane when lanky hair begins to replace the curls and ringlets of babyhood.

As children, few girls mind what type of hair they possess. But the popularity of the new home permanent waves proves how those with straight hair long for it to be curly.

What many mothers don't realise is that if much of the hair that now has to be permed had once been properly trained, there would be many more naturally wavy heads about.

Hair is interesting. It obeys certain laws, and in order to get a fairly accurate picture of what your own little daughter's should be like you have only to take a look at your own and your husband's hair and then go one step further and compare both with your respective families.

If you both have curly hair and all the brothers and sisters have, too, your children are almost bound to as well.

If your own hair is curly, but your husband's is straight (or vice versa), then, provided all your brothers and sisters have hair like yours, the children ought to be curly-headed.

Where father and mother have curly hair, but the uncles and aunts have not, the chances are the children will have curls, but it is not certain.

As a rule it is only when both parents have dead straight hair that the children will be straight-haired also.

So you see the chances are—curls.

To help them:

1. Have the hair tapered frequently. Don't let it get too long, too thick or too heavy.

2. Brush your child's hair and scalp regularly and keep it free from dandruff.

3. Use a slightly greasy hair tonic and a soapless children's shampoo.

4. Coax the hair to fall into little waves and curls and then strengthen the undulations by gentle pressure with your fingers several times during the day, and always after shampooing.

5. Don't wind it up in curlers. You may wind against the curl.

Hong Kong In Print

By Janet Martin

Hong Kong is in the fashion news as topic of the latest of Jacqmar's famous head-squares.

Printed in glowing colours on pure silk crepe-de-chine, this new square is as topical as the hour, depicting a kaleidoscopic view of the Colony with all its places of fame, beauty and interest.

There are views of the skyline, the harbour and the Peak, all geographically perfect, as well as street scenes, a junk and a pagoda.

In one corner are noted the names of all the well known places of interest, hotels, beaches, amusement centres and clubs, while another serves as a shopping guide to all the leading stores. Around the edges are printed the names of the famous business houses, the airlines and the theatres.

Incorporated in the design, both in Chinese and in English, is Confucius' apt saying....."within the four seas, all are brothers".

The 'Hong Kong' square will be printed in seven colour schemes, the first of which will be available tomorrow, while the rest are expected from England shortly.

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by EDNA McKENNA

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GROWING UP TO BEAUTY

BY CLAUDIA

The modern teen-ager has her own costume designers, her special cosmetics and hairstyles, but she is not always quite happy about her appearance.

Growing up is fascinating experience, but it has its problems too, especially when a girl begins to take an interest in beauty culture, beauty care and make-up.

Most mothers, these days, are tolerant of a little make-up for a 16 or 17-year-old daughter, provided that it is used very discreetly. Make-up is not a new game, it is something to be learnt and studied, something which can make you look awful if badly done, or help you to make the best of natural good looks if done cleverly.

Your first beauty kit need contain only four items of make-up, but let them be the best, for that is what your one and only face deserves.

The first essential is a first class foundation cream, very light in texture and invisible on the skin. Apply the least possible, just enough to leave a delicate film to hold your powder.

Your powder must be fine spun and toned carefully with the natural tint of your skin. It must be used always over the foundation cream, never dusted directly on to the skin so that it can clog the pores and cause open pores or blackheads.

Then your lipstick, a clear natural red or cherry tint, and, lastly, a good cold cream for night use if your skin is roughened by the wind or reddened by the sun.

Rouge, cosmetique, eyeshadow and the exotic shades of lipstick come later. They are not suited to the fresh beauty of a young girl's skin and even for the older woman, they are now used with the greatest discretion.

Dealing With Blemishes

A clear, fresh and glowing skin is the heritage of youthful beauty. But sad to say, it is often the case that, during those teen age years, a girl is troubled by those annoying little spots, blackheads and skin eruptions of adolescence which have a perverse trick of cropping up at the very times she is most anxious to look her best.

Often diet is a contributing factor. You simply must eat a cool green salad every day, lots of fruit and vegetables and drink a glass of hot water first thing in the morning. If you don't like these things, if you yearn for sweets and cakes, just try to regard them as medicine for beauty and acquire the taste in a good cause.

Treatment

Blackheads are a worry to many teen agers, but concealing them under a thicker coat of cream and powder only makes them worse. They can be eradicated quite easily and need never come back if you wash frequently with fine soap and warm water and never forget to close the pores afterwards by splashing with the coldest water you can get.

To get rid of them once and for all, message the skin gently with your good cold cream, making small, circular movements with the finger tips. Have ready a clean face cloth. Dip this into very hot water, wring out and apply to the face, moulding gently. Do this six or eight times. Then wrap a strip of clean bandage round each forefinger and press out the blackheads. Finally, sterilise the area with hydrogen peroxide dabbed on undiluted. Do not try to squeeze or force them, but repeat this treatment every few days until even the most stubborn ones have yielded.

Spots and pimples must never be squeezed....or you are likely to make them much worse. Use a little antiseptic cream as a foundation and dust over with a tinted, antiseptic powder. Most manufacturers of fine cosmetics make a skin clearing lotion or cream which, combined with the right diet, will refine the skin and prevent the wretched little things recurring.

RECIPE

Baked Bananas With Lemon Sauce

6 bananas, sugar, 1 lemon.

SAUCE: 1 tablespoon cornflour, ½ cup cold water, 3 tablespoons lemon juice, 1 cup sugar, 1 egg 1 oz. shortening, grated rind 1 lemon.

Peel and slice the bananas length-wise. Place in a greased baking dish. Sprinkle with sugar and lemon juice. Bake in a moderate oven, temp. 350 deg. F. gas, 400 deg. F. electric until tender, about 20 minutes.

Serve with lemon sauce, made by placing the water and sugar into a saucepan and bringing to the boil.

Blend the cornflour with the lemon rind and pour on to it the boiling mixture. Return to the fire and stir until thick.

Fold in the beaten egg and return to the fire, to cook for about three minutes without boiling. Beat in the butter and serve at once.

Ann Temple

Time Well Used

I am in my twenties. I have to admit I can't find the answer to my problem. I acted on what I thought best.

I worked with him for five years, fell deeply in love with him, but as he was married I gave up my job (which I loved) and severed our friendship.

Now, two years after, instead of getting over it I find the heartache worse than ever. I long to see him. I have tried to snap out of it, but it helps only temporarily. Thousands have passed through the same experience. How have they manage to get over it?—J. L.

They will tell you that Time heals. But that is only Half the truth. It is Time well used that heals.

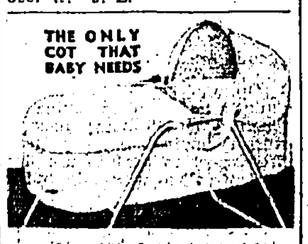
I think you made the very understandable mistake of concentrating all your thought on getting away rather than on what you were getting away to.

You were not thinking of yourself, but had anyone been thinking for you they would have seen to it that the new job was one that absorbed you, roused you, opened up new and exciting projects with lots of people round you.

In the twenties it's just fun to be alive if in your work or your hobbies there's something to keep your enthusiasm bubbling. It's natural not to look back to sadness but forward to the bright promise of the future.

This continuing heartache of yours is not the measure of your love, but of the dullness, emptiness, boredom, and narrowness of your present way of life. It may be because you deliberately shut your eyes to possibilities. That's what you should be snapping out of. But if there's really little to offer, pick up tents again and sally out to better fields.

Not that you may forget—that is outside your will—but that the memory may bring you happiness and not pain.



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I don't know whether I should give you any unusual ideas, but here is a suggestion which you might try. Choose an acid-yellow chiffon for your evening gown. Treat yourself to a pair of long emerald-green gloves. For your shoes, I would suggest either green or gold. When the happy occasion comes, do not forget to give your eyes a subtle touch of green eye-shadow. This trick will make your eyes look like twin emeralds. But no jewellery, PLEASE.

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"Dear Mr. Mamak,

I am always so rushed when I dress and make-up to go to work in the morning. Is there a quick way to look well-groomed? What would you suggest?" R.P.

There is no short-cut to a well-groomed appearance. I would suggest that you either get up early or stay at home.

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"Dear Mr. Mamak,

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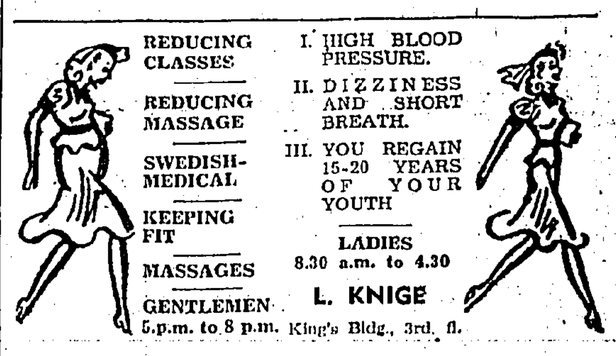

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A fall in Britain's export figures, revealed today, brought fresh forebodings to some business quarters who for some time have professed to see economic danger signals ahead.

Board of Trade returns for April show that the trade gap—the excess of imports over exports—widened to £44,600,00, which is double the average of £21,000,000 for the previous months of this year.

Exports, in a month reckoned at 24 working days, fell by almost £1,000,000 a day below the record March figure. At £137,000,000 they were £22,500,000 lower.

Imports, swollen by increased supplies of food and raw materials from abroad, were £187,500,000—a jump to £8,200,000 above the average of the first quarter of the year.

Though the decline in export figures is comparatively slight, many business men—not only the most pessimistic—believe that it fits in with trends in the foreign markets noticeable to them for some time past. They have found increasing buyer resistance abroad. And from overseas markets has come the blunt warning: "You must cut your prices or we can no longer buy British".

Linked with this are the increasing restrictions placed on imports by foreign and Commonwealth countries.

Some manufacturers predict that figures for the current month when published will show another fall.

With high wages, shorter working hours and, above all, the rising cost of raw materials, they claim that they can see no way of sharpening prices keenly enough to cut through buyer resistance.

Hopes On Cripps

They pin their hopes on the belief that the nation's economic "dictator", Sir Stafford Cripps, will find a way to stop any big decline in trade. But Sir Stafford is still hearing the rumblings of discontent produced by his "realist" budget.

Today's Board of Trade figures for April were all the more discouraging to Britons because export figures in the first quarters of the year reached the new record figure of £459.9 million—substantial progress which, if kept up, will clearly mean the attainment of the year's target.

Almost all groups of exports showed substantial reductions compared with March. But, compared with February, the fall was largely in the vehicles group, including locomotives, ships and aircraft, and in miscellaneous manufactures. The value of cars and chassis exported was nevertheless a little above February, Textiles, except for cotton yarns and manufactures, fell in value below February exports.—Reuter.

PETROLEUM PROPOSAL

Washington, May 20.

Democratic Senator Elmer Thomas today proposed that imports of petroleum and petroleum products be limited to five per cent of domestic requirements.

Mr. Thomas introduced an amendment to the Administration's Reciprocal Trade Bill, now awaiting Senate debate, to require the President to fix the petroleum import quota on that basis.

In a statement inserted in the Congressional record, Senator Thomas said imports have increased steadily during the past year, resulting in a drop of about 750,000 barrels daily in domestic output.—United Press.

Threat Of New French Crisis

Paris, May 20.

The French Prime Minister, M. Henri Queuille, today saw leaders of the Parliamentary groups in his Government in an effort to avert a threatened Cabinet crisis.

The ostensible cause of the revolt inside the Cabinet is the Government's decision to combine the abolition of petrol rationing with the introduction of a stiff tax on petrol.

Critics say that taxation is already too high and that this will raise prices when the Government is aiming at stabilising them.

The Finance Minister, M Maurice Petsche, today told foreign correspondents he thinks that "common sense will not be overcome by petrol fumes."—Reuter.

WOOL SURVEYS

London, May 20.

Surveys are to be carried out in Japan, Western Germany, South America and elsewhere to develop wool sales, in anticipation of a rising standard of living in many countries. This was decided at meetings of the Executive Committee of the International Wool Publicity and Research Fund, held in London during the past two weeks.

The work will be carried out through the International Wool Secretariat, which represents the wool growers of Australia, New Zealand and South Africa. One of the Secretariat's aims, today's statement said, will be to cooperate with local wool manufacturing interests in promotion schemes and education works.—Reuter.

OIL SEARCH IN ETHIOPIA

Gumboru Hills, Ethiopia, May 21.

Emperor Haile Selassie pulled the lever which started steel drills on a search for oil beneath the arid Ogaden Desert yesterday.

The Sinclair Petroleum Company began drilling operation under a 50-year monopoly concession.—Associated Press.

HOPE ABANDONED FOR SEAMEN

Halifax, May 20.

The Royal Canadian Air Force today called off the widespread search for 20 Danish seamen who had abandoned their motor schooner Ebba on Monday, after it broke up in a gale South of Cape Farewell, Greenland.

Search planes reported strong gales in the area and were ordered back to their base.—Reuter.

NY COTTON

New York, May 21.

Cotton turned upward after early weakness influenced by dullness in exports. Futures closed 25 to 50 higher.

July 32.59-50.
October 29.14.
December 28.93.
March 28.81 nominal.
May 28.62 nominal.
Middling Spot 33.79 nominal.—Associated Press

JAPANESE TRADE WITH URUGUAY

Montevideo, May 21.

Japan signed a barter agreement on Friday to trade £1,250,000 worth of goods with Uruguay. Uruguay will deliver wool, hides, linseed oil and other goods in exchange for Japanese textiles, chemicals, machinery and paper.

The agreement was signed by Mr. Frank Pickelle, American head of a Japanese trade mission, and Mr. Daniel Castellanos, Foreign Minister of Uruguay.—Associated Press.

WORKERS' RIGHTS

Geneva, May 20.

Delegates from 61 countries will meet here next month to consider an international treaty to guarantee the rights of workers to organise and bargain collectively.

Representatives of both Eastern and Western Europe, as well as of Asia, Africa, South America and the United States, will participate in the International Labour Organisation conference opening on June 8. The proposed convention would require governments to provide adequate protection for workers against anti-union discrimination.—United Press.

San Francisco, May 21.

Steamer Lightning sailed for Manila on Friday. — Associated Press.

CONSUMPTION OF COTTON

Brussels, May 21.

An International Cotton Advisory Committee meeting in Brussels has agreed on the necessity to enlarge consumption of cotton throughout the world to balance consumption and production.

Representatives from producing and consuming countries were also unanimous that steps should be taken to avoid serious shortages of cotton supply or the accumulation of excessive stocks

To achieve this, the Committee will attempt to improve statistical and economic information on cotton throughout the world.—Associated Press.

BOURSE STRIKE

Paris, May 20.

Paris Stock Exchange clerks today decided to continue their 10-day old strike for higher wages. At a meeting this morning, the clerks decided to continue the strike, reinforce strike picket's from Monday next, and organise a collection for a "solidarity" fund.

The clerk's Strike Committee announced on Wednesday last that it considers the employers' proposal to grant the clerks an average wage increase of 10 per cent and a special holiday bonus according to the years of service as inadequate.—Reuter.

BRITISH PAPER PRODUCTION UP

London, May 20.

Britain's total production of paper during March was the highest since the war, according to today's Board of Trade Journal. All categories, except printing paper and writing paper, were produced at a rate greater than before the war.

Newspaper production during the first quarter of 1949, aided by special production for export, was more than double that of a year ago. Average weekly production of all paper in March was 31,339 tons. For newsprint the figure was 8,869 tons—58 per cent of the per-war weekly average.—Reuter.

CHICAGO GRAINS

Chicago, May 21.

May wheat jumped around nervously on the grain exchange on Friday while new crop wheat deliveries were lower.

May $2.23¾-½ July $1.95¾-⅞; September $1.95⅝; December $1.96⅞.

Corn 1⅛ lower to ⅛ higher. May $1.33¼-⅜.

Oats ⅝ to ¾ lower. May 67⅝-½.

Soybeans 2¼ to 3¼ lower. May $2.34¾-$2.35.—Associated Press.

NY RUBBER

New York, May 21.

Crude rubber was quiet with no sales. No. 1 futures closed 10-15 lower with sales of 31 contracts.

May 17.80 nominal.
July 17.75.
September 17.65.
December 17.45 bid.
No. 1 ribbed smoked sheets 17½ nominal.—Associated Press.

New York Stock Exchange

New York, May 21.

The stock market declined for the fourth successive day to the lowest average level of the month. Losses ranged up to two. Volume dropped to 740,000 shares. Of 958 issues, traded, 502 declined and 202 advanced. Sixty stocks sank to new lows for the year, but some recovered part of the losses.

Many steels were among them, including Bethlehem, Republic, Youngstown Sheet and Tube, Wheeling and Jones and Laughlin.

Kennecott Copper closed off ½ at 48¾, a low for the year, despite the usual quarterly of 25 cents plus a 50 cents special.

Low Jones Averages:
Stocks 62.62.
20 Industrials 173.49.
15 Rails 46.56.
10 Utilities 55.73.

Closing quotations:
Adams Express 18½.
Alaska Juneau 8¼.
American Can 91.
American Smelting 44.
American Telephone 140⅞.
American Tobacco 70.
American Waterworks 7¾.
Anaconda Copper 28¼.
Aviation Corp 6.
Baldwin Locomotive 10⅛.
Barnsdall 44½.
Bendix Aviation 50⅝.
Bethlehem Steel 27¼.
Boeing Aircraft 21.
Borden Co. 41⅞.
Canadian Pacific 12½.
J. I. Case 32½.
Chrysler 50⅛.
Colgate 35⅝.
Commercial Solvents 15.
Corn Products 63.
Du Pont 194⅝.
Eastman Kodak 42.
Electric Light & Power 26.
General Electric 38¾.
General Motors 57⅝.
Goodrich 49⅝.
Goodyear 40⅝.
Homestake Mining 40½.
International Harvester 42½.
International Paper 47¾.
International Tel & Tel 9¾.
Johns Manville 55¾.
Kennecott Copper 48¾.
Montgomery Ward 52⅞.
National Distillers 17⅞.
National Lead 28⅝.
New York Central 11⅝.
Packard Motors 3⅝.
Pan American Airways 9¾.
Pennsylvania RR 15⅛.
Radio Corp. 11⅝.
Remington Rand 8⅝.
Republic Steel 20⅝.
Reynolds Tobacco 36⅞.
Sears Roebuck 37⅝.
Shell Oil 34⅝.
Socony Vacuum 15⅝.
Southern Pacific 41⅝.
Standard Brands 18⅞.
Standard Oil of Calif. 63⅝.
Standard Oil of N.J. 65⅝.
Studebaker 19½.
Union Bag 24⅛.
Union Carbide 37⅝.
U.S. Rubber 35.
U.S. Steel 60⅞.
U.S. Lines 15¾.
Westinghouse 22⅞.
Youngstown Sheet & Tube 63.
Gen. Pub. Utilities 14¼.

—Associated Press.

LONDON STOCKS

London, May 21.

The stock market enjoyed a customary week-end quietness, except for a few isolated instances. British gilt-edged securities and Kaffirs closed steady. Profit-taking in cement shares brought slight declines.

Financial Times' index: 114.6, off .3.—Associated Press.

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"BENVRACKIE"	— do —	End June.
"BENLAWERS"	— do —	Early July.

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¶"BENARTY" ¶"BENVRACKIE"	Liverpool, Havre, Antwerp, Rotterdam, Hamburg	2nd half June. 1st half July.
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CPA ex-Manila: 12.15 p.m.; ex-Singapore via Bangkok: 3 p.m.

CATC ex-Chungking via Canton: 2.15 p.m.

HK AIRWAYS ex-Canton: 10.10 a.m., 11.10 a.m., 12.25 p.m., 1.25 p.m., 3.40 p.m., 5.25 p.m., 6.45 p.m., 7.45 p.m.

PAA ex-Manila: 1 p.m.

ALASKA AIRWAYS ex-Tokyo.

TOMORROW

AIR FRANCE ex-Saigon, 12.30 p.m.

CNAC ex-Amoy via Swatow: 1.45 p.m., 6 p.m.; ex-Canton: 9.40 a.m., 11.10 a.m., 12 noon, 1.30 p.m., 3.50 p.m., 4.35 p.m., 6.10 p.m.; ex-Foochow via Taipeh: 5.15 p.m.; ex-Shanghai: 12.45 p.m.; ex-Taipeh: 5.15 p.m.

HK AIRWAYS ex-Canton: 10.10 a.m., 11.10 a.m., 12.25 p.m., 1.25 p.m., 3.40 p.m., 5.25 p.m., 6.45 p.m., 7.45 p.m.

PAA ex-Bangkok: 2.15 p.m.

BRAATHENS ex-Oslo.

BOAC ex-Singapore: 4.45 p.m.; ex-Tokyo: 5 p.m.

TUESDAY

AIR FRANCE ex-Saigon, Paris: 2.15 p.m.

CNAC ex-Amoy via Swatow: 1.45 p.m., 6 p.m.; ex-Canton: 9.40 a.m., 11.10 a.m., 12 noon, 1.30 p.m., 3.50 p.m., 4.35 p.m., 6.10 p.m.; ex-Shanghai: 12.45 p.m.

CPA ex-Manila: 12.15 p.m.

CATC ex-Taipeh via Amoy, Swatow: 6.20 p.m.; ex-Kunming via Liuchow, Canton: 6.30 p.m.

HK AIRWAYS ex-Canton: 10.10 a.m., 11.10 a.m., 12.25 p.m., 1.25 p.m., 3.40 p.m., 5.25 p.m., 6.45 p.m., 7.45 p.m.

POAS ex-Bangkok: 4 p.m.

PAA ex-San Francisco via Honolulu, Midway, Wake, Guam, Manila: 1 p.m.

PAL ex-San Francisco via Honolulu, Wake, Guam, Manila: 2 p.m.

BOAC ex-Southampton, Bangkok: 4 p.m.

Departures

TODAY

PAOS for Singapore via Bangkok: 7.15 a.m.

CNAC for Amoy via Swatow: 8 a.m., 12.15 p.m.; Canton: 9.05 a.m., 9.55 a.m., 11.25 a.m., 1.45 p.m., 2.30 p.m., 4.05 p.m., 4.50 p.m.; Kunming: 2.10 p.m.; Shanghai: 12.45 p.m.; Taipeh via Swatow: 8.20 a.m.

CATC for Chungking: 7 a.m.; Shanghai via Canton, Swatow, Amoy: 8 a.m.; Canton: 3.15 p.m.

HK AIRWAYS for Canton: 8.30 a.m., 9.30 a.m., 10.45 a.m., 11.45 a.m., 2 p.m., 3.45 p.m., 5 p.m., 6 p.m.

PAA for Bangkok: 2.30 p.m.

TOMORROW

AIR FRANCE for Hanoi: 7.30 a.m.; Paris via Saigon: 1.30 p.m.

CNAC for Amoy via Swatow: 8 a.m., 12.15 p.m.; Canton: 9.05 a.m., 9.55 a.m., 11.25 a.m., 1.45 p.m.; Foochow via Amoy: 9 a.m.; Shanghai: 12.45 p.m.

CPA for Manila: 2.30 p.m.; Singapore via Bangkok: 7 a.m.

CATC for Shanghai via Canton, Amoy: 8 a.m.; Amoy: 7 a.m.

HK AIRWAYS for Canton: 8.30 a.m., 9.30 a.m., 10.45 a.m., 11.45 a.m., 2 p.m., 3.45 p.m., 5 p.m., 6 p.m.

PAA for San Francisco via Manila: Guam, Wake, Midway, Honolulu: 3.45 p.m.

TUESDAY

CNAC for Amoy via Swatow: 8 a.m., 12.15 p.m.; Canton: 9.05 a.m., 9.55 a.m., 11.25 a.m., 1.45 p.m., 2.30 p.m., 4.05 p.m., 4.50 p.m.; Shanghai: 12.45 p.m.; Foochow via Canton: 9 a.m.

CATC for Taipeh via Swatow, Amoy: 8 a.m.; Kunming: 7 a.m.; Shanghai: 10 a.m.

HK AIRWAYS for Canton: 8.30 a.m., 9.30 a.m., 10.45 a.m., 11.45 a.m., 2 p.m., 3.45 p.m., 5 p.m., 6 p.m.

PAA for Bangkok: 2.30 p.m.

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Mails are closed at Kowloon Central Post Office half an hour earlier than the GPO closing times.

SUNDAY, MAY 22

Closing Times by Air

Canton, (Kowloon CPO) 10.30 a.m., 12.30 p.m.; (GPO) 10 a.m., Noon.

Airmail for Swatow and Amoy, (Reg.) 5 p.m. 21/5, (Ord.) 9 a.m. 22/5.

Airmail for Shanghai and Tsingtao: Airmail for Taipeh, (Reg.) 5 p.m. 21/5, (Ord.) 10 a.m. 22/5.

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Airmail for Haiphong and Hanoi, (Reg.) 5 p.m. 21/5, (Ord.) 10 a.m. 22/5.

Airmail for Saigon and Paris, (Reg.) 5 p.m. 21/5, (Ord.) 10 a.m. 22/5.

Closing Times by Sea

Japan, 9 a.m.

Swatow, 10 a.m.

MONDAY, MAY 23

Closing Times by Air

Canton, (Kowloon CPO) 7.30 a.m., 10.30 a.m., 12.30 p.m., 2.30 p.m.; (GPO) 7 a.m., 10.00 a.m., Noon, 2 p.m.

Airmail for Shanghai, (Ord.) 8 a.m.

Airmail for Swatow and Amoy, (Reg.) 8.30 a.m., (Ord.) 9 a.m.

Airmail for Manila, (Reg.) 11 a.m., (Ord.) 11.30 a.m.

Airmail for Shanghai and Tsingtao; Airmail for Swatow, Amoy and Taihsn; Airmail for Kunming and Liuchow, (Reg.) 3 p.m., (Ord.) 3.30 p.m.

Airmail for Hoihow, (Reg.) 3 p.m., (Ord.) 3.30 p.m.

Closing Times by Sea

Formosa via Foochow and Keelung, 10 a.m.

Japan, 3 p.m.

Manila, 2 p.m.

Macassar, 2 p.m.

TUESDAY, MAY 24

Closing Times by Air

Airmail for Shanghai, (Reg.) & p.m. 23/5, (Ord.) 8 a.m. 24/5.

Airmail for Swatow and Amoy, (Reg.) 8.30 a.m., (Ord.) 9 a.m.

Airmail for Swatow, Amoy, Shanghai and Tsingtao, (Reg.) 3 p.m., (Ord.) 3.30 p.m.

Airmail for Chungking; Airmail for Taipeh; Airmail for Foochow, (Reg.) 3 p.m., (Ord.) 3.30 p.m.

Airmail for Rangoon, Calcutta, Karachi, (Basra, Nairobi, Mombasa, Dares Salaam, Mauritius, Johannesburg and Cairo via Karachi), Alexandria, Rome and London, Kowloon CPO: (Reg.) 4 p.m., (Ord.) 4.30 p.m.; GPO: (Reg.) 4.30 p.m., (Ord.) 5 p.m.

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Airmail for Singapore, (Reg.) 4.30 p.m., (Ord.) 5 p.m.

Airmail for Manila, Honolulu, USA and Canada, (Reg.) 4.30 p.m., (Ord.) 5 p.m.

Air Parcel Post for Manila, Honolulu and USA, (Kowloon CPO) 4.30 p.m., (GPO) 5 p.m.

Ordinary Airmail (printed matter, samples and small packet posts) for Manila, Guam, Honolulu and USA, (Kowloon CPO) 4.30 p.m., (GPO) 5 p.m.

Shipping Intelligence

Shipping Arrivals

YESTERDAY

ALEXANDER WOOLCOTT (Gourlie), American, 4,382 tons, ex-USA K. Wh.

PRESIDENT CLEVELAND (APL), American, 18,238 tons, ex-Manila.

TURK'S HEAD (Everett), Philippine, 2,183 tons, ex-Manila B9

WINGSANG (Jardine), British, 1,941 tons, ex-Foochow ..... West Point

TODAY

DONA NATI (Rama) ex-Atlantic Coast.

NORDFARER (EA) ex-Europe.

PIONEER LAND (USL) ex-New York.

FOYANG (B & S) ex-Kobe.

TOMORROW

AMERICAN TRANSPORT (Jardine) ex-Atlantic Coast.

Shipping Departures

YESTERDAY

CHANG KUNG (CMSN) for Singapore.

CHI SEIN (Wah Sheung Hong) for Rangoon.

HONG SHANG (Ho Hong) for Singapore.

KWONG WAH (Ching Hong) for Lok Fo.

FAKHOI (B & S) for Inchon.

PRES. JEFFERSON (APL) for Manila.

TRESILLIAN (Mac Mac) for Kobe.

TODAY

TSINAN (B & S) for Swatow.

TOMORROW

CARRICK BEND (Everett) for Shanghai.

NORDFARER (EA) for Aden.

PIONEER LAND (USL) for Manila.

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Vessels in Port

ALEX. WOOLCOTT (Gourlie) .. K. Bay

ALDAN (Wallem) B4

ANNLOCK (Marden) ..... Yaumati

BOTH (RIL) ..... T. Dk.

BRITISH PRINCE (Jardine) .. K. Whf.

BUSHWOOD (Mc Mc) ..... K. Dock

CAMP UNION (Caltex) ..... T. Dk.

CECIL G. SELLERS (Mollers) A17

CHI CHUING (CMSN) ..... SC

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CRISTOBAL (Mollers) ..... SC

DOLIUS (B & S) ..... Holt's Whf.

EMPIRE FARRAR (Mollers) ... T. Dk.

FUKWANG (APCI) ..... P. Oiler

GERTRUDE MAERSK (Jebsen) .. K. Dk.

HAI CHEN (CMSN) ..... Mac. Whf.

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HONG SHAN (Wilfred Lee) .. Yaumati

HUNAN (B & S) B14

IKAUNA (Wallem) ..... Mack. Whf.

INCH KEITH (Williamson) ..... SC

INCHCRAG (Williamson) ..... SC

INCHWELLS (Williamson) ..... SC

KIANG YONG (Gilman) ..... Yaumati

LISIN (Jin Pin Co.) ..... SS Po

LOUIS SLOSS (USL) A11

MAYON (Jardine) ..... K. Dock

MOW LIN (Wheelock) ..... SS Po

MUI LEE (Wallem) ..... Yaumati

MUI NAM (Wallem) ..... T. Dk

NAN SHAN (King Tai) ..... SC

NANCHANG (B & S) B8

NGO WEI (CMSN) ..... SS Po

NORTH STAR (Yick Yoen) .. Yaumati

PIONEER DALE (USL) ..... K. Dk.

PRES. CLEVELAND (APL) .. K. Whf.

PRONTO (Ta Hing) ..... Yaumati

REAEL (RIL) ..... T. Dk.

SACREMATO (Cathay) ..... Yaumati

SAN ANTONIO (Manners) ..... Yaumati

SAN EDUARDO (Manners) ..... Yaumati

SAN JERONIMO (Manners) .. Yaumati

SHENGKING (B & S) B16

SHILLONG (Mac Mac) ..... K. Whf.

SZECHUEN (B & S) ..... T. Dk.

TAI PO SHAN (Shun Chong), Yaumati

TAIREA (Mac Mac) A1

TANG SHAN (CMSN) ..... K. Whf.

TARAMA (Gilman) ..... K. Whf.

TING CHU (CMSN) ..... Yaumati

TURK'S HEAD (Everett) B9

VAN REIMSDUK (RIL) A7

WAH CHUNG (S. China) B4

WING SANG (Jardine) ..... J.M. Whf.

WYOMING (Dodwell) ..... K. Whf.

YUNG HAO (KD) ..... K. Dk

VESSELS DUE FROM

SOUTH AFRICA

	June
LUXMI (Bank)	25
TEGELBERG (RIL)	9
	July
RUYS (RIL)	10

AMERICA

ATLANTIC COAST

	May
AMERICA TRANSPORT (Jardine)	23
BATAAN (Rama)	25
CITY OF BYDNEY (Bank)	25
CORNELIUS MAERSK (Jebsen)	30
DONA NATI (Rama)	22
OREGON (Dodwell) ex-Vancouver	25
PIONEER LAND (USL) ex-New York	22
FERNDAY (Thoresen)	30
	June
PIONEER WAVE (USL)	12
PIONEER WAVE (USL)	15
CLIFFSIDE (Dodwell) ex-Halifax	25
FERNSIDE (Thoresen)	31
JAVA MAIL (Everett) ex-Vancouver	1
MONTANA (Dodwell) ex-Vancouver	9
OCEAN SIDE (Dodwell) ex-Halifax	15
OREGON MAIL (Everett) ex-Vancouver	11
P & T EXPLORER (Gourlie)	4
PRES. FILLMORE (APL) ex-Baltimore	10
ROSEVILLE (Thoresen)	2
STEEL WORKER (Gilman)	3
THOMAS PAYNE (APL) ex-New Orleans	1
TEMERAIRE (Dodwell)	24
TREIN MAERSK (Jebsen)	16
	July
BELLEVILLE (Thoresen)	29
CITY OF LIVERPOOL (Bank)	5
COLARADO (Dodwell) ex-Vancouver	6
FERNFIELD (Thoresen) ex-Gulf ports	20
MENESTHUS (B & S) ex-New York	15
TRITON (Dodwell)	17
	August
GRANVILLE (Thoresen)	20

PACIFIC COAST

	May
FRANCISVILLE (Bank)	24
JULIA LUCKENBACH (USL) ex-San Francisco	29
OREGON (Dodwell)	23
PRES. TAFT (APL) ex-San Francisco	26
SEA SERPENT (USL) ex-San Francisco	26
	June
CASTLEVILLE (Bank)	21
CHARLES E DANT (Dodwell)	8
FLYING DRAGON (USL) ex-San Francisco	11
LIGHTNING (USL) ex-San Francisco	14
MARINE SNAPPER (APL) ex-San Francisco	4
MONTANA (Dodwell)	6
PRES. HARRISON (APL) ex-San Francisco	8
PRES. MADISON (APL) ex-San Francisco	8
TAMSIS (EA)	Dec.
	July
ARIZONA (Dodwell) ex-Los Angeles	6

GREAT REPUBLIC (USL) ex-San Francisco 8

WYOMING (Dodwell) 15

AUSTRALIA

	June
CITOS (Dodwell)	12
KAFIRISTAN (Jardine)	30
SHANSI (B & S)	3rd wk.

CHINA

	May
CHAKSANG (Jardine) ex-Inchon	30
CHOYSANG (Jardine) ex-Inchon	22
HEINRICK JESSEN (B & S) ex-Amoy	25/26
SHENGKING (B & S) ex-Swatow	24
WINGSANG (Jardine) ex-Keelung	22
YOCHOW (B & S) ex-Tientsin	28/29
	June
BRADEVERETT (Everett) ex-S'hai	4
PIONEER LAND (USL) ex-Shanghai	12
PIONEER DALE (USL) ex-Shanghai	11
	July
PIONEER WAVE (USL) ex-Shanghai	4

EUROPE

	May
BENAVON (Loxley) ex-UK	28
KOREA (EA)	End
LT DE LA TOUR (MM) ex-Europe	30
MENTOR (B &)	24
NORDFARER (EA)	22
OLUF MAERSK (Gilman)	31
TAMERLANE (Thoresen)	24
	June
ANCHISES (B & S) ex-UK via Straits	2
BENARTY (Loxley) via Singapore,	Early
BENLOMOND (Loxley) via S'pore	2nd half
BENVENUE (Loxley) via S'pore	1st half
BENVRACKIE (Loxley) via S'pore	End
BLANKVANN (EA)	Mid
BRECONSHIRE (Jardine) ex-London	12
CORFU (P & O) ex-London	8
CYCLOPS (B & S) via Straits	16
DEUCALION (B & S) via Straits	17
GLENEARN (Jardine) ex-London	1
GLENGARRY (Jardine) ex-London	30
MEERKERK (RIL)	Early
SOUDAN (Mac Mac) ex-London	12
STE MERE EGLISE (MM)	1st half
TAI PING YANG (Thoresen)	Mid
TONGHAI (Gilman)	End
	July
AMSTEDIJK (RIL)	Early
ANDRE LEBON (MM) ex-Marseilles	Dec.
BENLAWERS (Loxley) via S'pore	Early
CANTON (P & O) ex-London	4
GLENGYLE (Jardine) ex-London	26
MONGOLIA (EA)	Mid
RADNORSHIRE (Jardine) ex-London	12
TAI YIN (Thoresen)	End
	August
CARTHAGE (P & O) ex-London	1
CORFU (P & O) ex-London	29
RIJNKERK (RIL)	Early
MALAYA (EA)	Mid
	Sept.
CANTON (Mac Mac) ex-London	26

INDIA

	May
ESANG (Jardine) ex-Calcutta	29
SIRDHANA (Mac Mac) ex-Calcutta	27
	June
SANGOLA (Mac Mac) ex-Calcutta	26

JAPAN

	May
BALUCHISTAN (Jardine)	26
FLYING CLOUD (Pattison) ex-Japan	27
MOLENKERK (RIL)	End
NELLORE (B & A) ex-Kobe and Yokohama	23
FOYANG (B & S) ex-Kobe	22
SHIRALA (Mac Mac) ex-Japan and Amoy	26
STAR ALCYONE (Everett) ex-Kobe	29
	June
SHILLONG (Mac Mac) ex-Japan	8
TRESILLIAN (Mac Mac)	9

SOUTH EAST PORTS

	May
CARRICK BEND (Everett) ex-Singapore	22
HANGSANG (Jardine) ex-Sandakan	26
NEWCHANG (B & S) ex-Bangkok	29/30
SIR JOHN FRANKLIN (Pattison) ex-Manila	23
NINGHAI (B & S) ex-Straits	24
TJITJALENGKA (RIL) ex-Macassar	26
TURKS HEAD (Everett) ex-Manila	21
	June
BRADEVERETT (Everett) ex-Manila	12
NOREVERETT (Everett) ex-Singapore	7
PRES. JOHNSON (APL) ex-Java Ports	18
STAR ALCYONE (Everett) ex-Manila	10
STAR BETELGEUSE (Everett) ex-Singapore	12
TJISADANE (RIL) ex-Java ports	9
TJITJALENGKA (RIL) ex-Manila	6
VAN HEUTSZ (RIL) ex-Bali	1
	July
PRES. HARRISON (APL) ex-Straits	11

SOUTH AMERICA

	June
TEGELBERG (RIL)	7
	July
RUYS (RIL)	10

SAILINGS TO

SOUTH & EAST AFRICA

May

26 STRAAT SOENDA (RIL).

June

Beg. LT. DE LATOUR (MM) for North Africa.

10 ETTRICKBANK (Bank) for S. Africa

23 TEGELBERG (RIL).

End. STE. MERE EGLISE (MM) for North Africa.

July

18 TJIKAMPEK (RIL).

August

10 RUYS (RIL).

AMERICA

ATLANTIC COAST

May

25 LONGVIEW VICTORY (Gilman) via Panama.

26 OREGON (Dodwell) for Vancouver via Okinawa.

27 BATAAN (Rama) via Los Angeles.

28 FLYING CLOUD (Pattison) for New York.

30 LAURA MAERSK (Jebsen) for New York.

June

2 FERNDAY (Thoresen).

2 JAVA MAIL (Everett) for Vancouver

4/5 SVEN SALEN (Hunt).

17 GERTRUDE MAERSK (Jebsen) for New York.

9 MONTANA (Dodwell) for Vancouver.

12 OREGON MAIL (Everett) for Vancouver.

13 PIONEER DALE (USL) for New York.

14 PIONEER LAND (USL) for New York

15 DONA AURORA (Rama) via Los Angeles.

16 PRES. JOHNSON (APL) for New York.

19 STEEL EXECUTIVE (Gilman) via Panama.

22 DONA NATI (Rama).

23 FERNSIDE (Thoresen).

End. TWEEDBANK (Bank) for Boston.

July

5 MARCHEN MAERSK (Jebsen) for New York.

6 PIONEER WAVE (USL).

7 COLORADO (Dodwell) for Vancouver

12 PRES. HARRISON (APL) for New York.

August

1 BELLEVILLE (Thoresen)

PACIFIC COAST

May

22 PRES. CLEVELAND (APL) for San Francisco.

24 LONGVIEW VICTORY (Gilman) for Los Angeles.

25 SIR JOHN FRANKLIN (Pattison) via Japan.

26 SEA SERPENT (USL) for San Francisco.

28 PRES. TAFT (APL) for San Francisco.

30 JULIA LUCKENBACH (USL) for San Francisco.

30 SUNNYVILLE (Bank) for Los Angeles.

June

2/3 AXEL SALEN (Hunt).

3 CHARLES E DANT (Dodwell).

4 PRES. MADISON (APL) for San Francisco.

16 LIGHTNING (USL) for San Francisco

12 PRES. WILSON (APL) for Honolulu and San Francisco.

17 TARIFA (Dodwell).

23 FLYING DRAGON (USL) for San Francisco.

25 GENERAL GORDON (APL) for Honolulu and San Francisco.

July

7 ARIZONA (Dodwell).

7 GREAT REPUBLIC (USL) for San Francisco.

12 PRES. HARRISON (APL) for Los Angeles.

17 TEMERAIRE (Dodwell).

19 WYOMING (Dodwell) for Los Angeles.

AUSTRALIA

May

30 BALUCHISTAN (Jardine).

30 NELLORE (B & A).

June

2 AROS (Dodwell).

last wk. SHANSI (B & S).

July

2 CITOS (Dodwell).

CHINA

May

22 TSINAN (B & S) for Swatow.

23 CARRICK BEND (Everett) for S'hai.

23 & 31 WINGSANG (Jardine) for Foochow

24 TSINAN (B & S) for Swatow.

24 SHENGKING (B & S) for Swatow.

25 HUNAN (B & S) for Tientsin.

26 CHOYSANG (Jardine) for Inchon.

28 VINONES (Wallem) for Shanghai.

June

1 ESANG (Jardine) for Keelung.

2 CHAKSANG (Jardine) for Foochow. Shanghai.

9 NOREVERETT (Everett) for S'hai.

14 STAR BETELGEUSE (Everett) for

July

Beg. ANDRE LEBON (MM) for Shanghai

EUROPE

May

22/23 NORDFARER (East Asia) for Aden, Port Said.

24 AGAPENOR (B & S) via Genoa and Marseilles.

25 MORTAIN (MM).

29 BENAVON (Loxley) for London.

30 CITY OF YOKOHAMA (Bank) for London.

End. MOLENKERK (RIL) via Manila and Straits.

June

Beg. LT DE LA TOUR (MM).

3 TAMARA (Gilman).

7 GLENORCHY (Jardine) via Straits.

8 AENEAS (B & S) for Liverpool.

9 CORFU (P & O) for London

10 SHILLONG (Mac Mac) for London.

Mid. KORBA (EA) for Aden, Port Said.

16 TAMERLANE (Thoresen).

2nd half. BENVENUE (Loxley) for Rotterdam.

2nd half. BENARTY (Loxley) for Liverpool.

22 GLENEARN (Jardine) via Straits.

25 ANCHISES (B & S) for Marseilles.

25 BENRINNES (Loxley) for Liverpool.

End. MEERKERK (RIL) via Manila and Straits.

End. STE MERE EGLISE (MM).

July

BEG. BLANKVANN (East Asiatic).

5 SOUDAN (Mac Mac) for London.

8 CANTON (P & O) for London.

1st half. BENLAWERS (Loxley) for London.

1st half. BENVRACKIE (Loxley) for Antwerp.

Mid. ANDRE LEBON (MM) for Marseilles

Mid. TAI PING YANG (Thoresen) via Manila.

20 TONGHAI (Gilman) for Aden, Port Said, Genoa.

2nd half. BENLOMOND (Loxley) for Genoa.

End. AMSTEDIJK (RIL) via Manila.

Aug.

Beg. MONGOLA (EA).

5 CARTHAGE (P & O) for London.

Mid. TAI YIN (Thoresen) via Manila.

End. RIJNKERK (RIL) via Manila.

Sept.

Beg. MALAYA (EA).

2 CORFU (P & O) for London.

20 CANTON (Mac Mac) for London.

INDIA

May

23 TAIREA (BI) for Calcutta.

28 SHIRALA (Mac Mac) for Calcutta.

JAPAN

May

25 SOOCHOW (B & S) for Yokohama.

30 SIRDHANA (BI) via Shanghai.

June

1 NEWCHANG (B & S) for Yokohama and Kobe.

Mid. STE MERE EGLISE (MM).

23 SANGOLA (Mac Mac) via Amoy.

SOUTH EAST PORTS

May

23 PIONEER LAND (USL) for Manila.

23 TURKS HEAD (Everett) for Singapore.

24 PIONEER DALE (USL) for Manila.

26 POYANG (B & S) for Bangkok.

25 TASMAN (RIL) for Java Ports.

26 FRANCISVILLE (Bank) for Singapore.

26 HAI HSIA (CMSN) for Singapore.

26 HEINRICH JESSEN (B & S) for Singapore.

27 VAN REIMSDUK (RIL) for Straits.

27 TJITJALENGKA (RIL) for Manila.

28 MAYON (Jardine) for Manila.

28 NELLORE (B & A) for Manila.

June

2 STAR ALCYONE (Everett) for Manila.

3 HANGSANG (Jardine) for Sandakan.

3 STEEL WORKER (Gilman) for Saigon.

4 PRES. HARRISON (APL) for Singapore.

5 BRADEVERETT (Everett) for Manila

5 KUTSANG (Jardine) for Straits.

7 FENGTIEN (B & S) for Singapore.

9 HIRAM (Thoresen) for Singapore.

9 TJITJALENGKA (RIL) for Java Ports.

10 VAN HEUTSZ (RIL) for Bali.

11 TRESILLIAN (Mac Mac) for Straits.

15 PIONEER WAVE (USL) for Manila.

15 STAR ALCYONE (Everett) for Singapore.

15 BRADEVERETT (Everett) for Singapore.

18/19 HAI LEE (Thoresen) for Singapore.

23 TJISADANE (RIL) for Java ports.

July

3 PRES. FILLMORE (APL) for Singapore.

SOUTH AMERICA

May

26 STRAAT SOENDA (RIL).

June

23 TEGELBERG (RIL).

July

18 TJIKAMPEK (RIL).

August

10 RUYS (RIL).

ROUND THE WORLD

June

1 MARINE SNAPPER (APL).

15 PRES. POLK (APL).

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S.S. "ESANG"	.....Keelung & Japan	1st June
S.S. "CHAKSANG"	...Inchon & Tientsin	2nd June
S.S. "HANGSANG"	...Sandakan	3rd June

ARRIVALS FROM

S.S. "CHOYSANG"	...Inchon & Tientsin	22nd May
S.S. "HANGSANG"	..From Sandakan	26th May
S.S. "ESANG"	.....Calcutta & Straits	29th May
S.S. "WINGSANG"	..Foochow & Keelung	29th May
S.S. "CHAKSANG"	....Inchon & Tientsin	30th May

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SAILINGS TO

"SHENGKING"	Swatow	6 p.m.	22nd May *
"TSINAN"	Swatow	6 p.m.	24th May *
"SHENGKING"	Swatow	6 p.m.	24th May *
"HUNAN"	Inchon & Tientsin	5 p.m.	25th May
"POYANG"	Bangkok	5 p.m.	26th May
"HEINRICH JESSEN"	Singapore & Penang	5 p.m.	28th May
"NEWCHWANG"	Yokohama & Kobe		1st June
"FENGTIEN"	Singapore, Macassar, Sourabaya & Batavia		7th June

* Sails from Custodian Wharf

ARRIVALS FROM

"POYANG"	Kobe & Keelung	5 p.m.	22nd May
"NINGHAI"	Straits, Sibu & Brunei		24th May
"SHENGKING"	Swatow	7 a.m.	24th May
"HEINRICH JESSEN"	Amoy & Swatow	a.m.	25/26th May
"YOCHOW"	Tientsin & Pusan		28/29th May
"NEWCHWANG"	Bangkok		29/30th May

RIVER SERVICE

"FATSHAN"	Hongkong/Canton DEP. Hongkong 6 p.m. 22nd May. 8 p.m. 24th May.	Canton/Hongkong ARR. Hongkong 7.30 a.m. 24th & 26th May.
"WUSUEH"	HK./MACAO DEP. H.K. 2 p.m. 28th May.	MACAO/HK ARR. H.K. 5.45 p.m. 22nd & 29th May

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"AENEAS"	Tangier, Casablanca, Havre, Liverpool	8th June
"ANCHISES"	Genoa, Marseilles, Liverpool & Glasgow	25th June

ARRIVALS FROM

"MENTOR"	U.K. via Straits & Manila	24th May
"ANCHISES"	U.K. via Straits	2nd June
"CYCLOPS"	U.K. via Straits & Manila	10th June
"DEUCALION"	U.K. via Straits	17th June

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SAILINGS TO

"SOOCHOW"	Yokkaichi	5 p.m.	25th May
"SHANSI"	Manila & Australia		Last week June

ARRIVALS FROM

"SOOCHOW"	Australia & Manila	In Port
"SHANSI"	Australia & Manila	3rd week June

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USRC Tennis Teams

The following are the United Services Recreation Club Tennis teams for the week ending Friday, May 27:—

Tuesday, May 24, Ladies "B" v KCC, Home:—Mrs. Rhoburn and Mrs. Walton; Mrs Christiansen and Mrs. Hancock (Tel. 59571); Mrs. Haig and Mrs Lamont. Reserve pair Miss Vere Nichol and Mrs. Wright.

Wednesday, May 25, Mens "C" v IRC, Home:—Mr. Dinnen and Mr. Pecarric; Mr. Anderson and Mr. Cannon; Mr. Hancock and Capt. Mackreth. (Tel. 39053 or 59571). Reserve pairs 2/Lt. Carr and 2/Lt. Hardwick, Mr Lindeman and Mr. Wright.

Thursday, May 26, Ladies "A" v KCC, Away:—Mrs. Williams and Mrs. Jones (Tel. 58974); Miss BonBernard and Mrs. Easterbrook; Mrs. A. S. Halls and Miss J. Scott. Reserve pairs Mrs Parker and Mrs. Ballantine.

Friday, May 27, Mixed "B" v HKU, Home:—Mr. Fisher and Mrs. Fisher. (Tel. No. 39460); Mr. Wright and Mrs. Wright; Major Haig and Mrs. Haig. Reserves Major Murray and Mr Jones, Mrs. Walton and Mrs. Hancock.

Tourists' First Match At Lords

London, May 21.

Nearly 20,000 people were present at the start of the New Zealanders' first match at Lords, where they met the MCC, who by lunch time had scored 83 runs for the loss of one wicket.

With the weather fine, Lords was prepared for a crowd of Test match proportions. The New Zealanders, who lost the toss and fielded, made a late change by including B. Cresswell in place of J. A. Hayes. The King is to watch the match on Monday.

After some early boundaries the accurate bowling and keen fielding tied down the batsmen and with 51 on the board the first wicket fell, Burtt lured Robertson out of his crease and when the batsman missed the ball the balls were whipped off in a flash.

Hadlee set his field with great accuracy and it was difficult to find a gap so that after two hours of batting before lunch, only 83 runs were scored for the loss of one wicket.

Scores:

M. C. C. First Innings

W.J. Edrich, not out	34
J. Robertson, stumped Mooney, b Burtt	29
B.T. Simpson, not out	20
Extras	0
Total (for one)	83

The teams were: M.C.C. W.J. Edrich, J.D. Robertson, B.T. Simpson, D. Compton, D. B. Carr, R. Watkins, F. G. Mann, V. C. Broderick, T. E. Bailey, J. C. Laker, S. C. Griffith.

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Life Guards Examination

At the Laichikok Amusement Park yesterday, an examination of life-savers was held under the supervision of the Urban Council and the Police. Picture above shows part of the examination—guards demonstrating artificial respiration.—(China Mail" Photo).

Middlesex's Lead Further Advanced

London, May 20.

Northamptonshire's failure to gather any points from their match against Surrey ending today means that Middlesex's quick victory over Leicestershire yesterday has increased their lead in the Championship table from four to 16 points.

Middlesex have won three of their four matches and taken first innings points from the other for a total of 40 points. Next in the table with 24 points each, come Northamptonshire, Warwickshire and Yorkshire.

Northants have played four matches and won two. Warwickshire, who did not have a match in the present series, have won two out of three, and Yorkshire's victory over Somerset has given them full points from two matches.

At the bottom of the table, having scored no points, are Essex, Gloucestershire, Nottinghamshire and Leicestershire. Kent and Somerset have both secured first innings lead in the present series to take their first points of the season.

Today's play provided some exciting finishes in the victorids of Glamorgan, Yorkshire and Hampshire. Wilfrid Wooler, Glamorgan's dynamic captain, won the match against Worcestershire for the champions in the last over. Wooler went in after Glamorgan, needing 151 to win in exactly two hours, had taken 80 minutes to put on 86 for the first wicket.

A Gay Cavalier

While wickets fell at the other end, he set about the bowling like a gay cavalier. With two overs to go 17 runs were needed, but Wooler got them with a six and three fours.

The Champions' victory gave them 16 points from three matches.

At the start of the day Somerset were in a good position to record their first win of the season against Yorkshire, but they threw away the advantage by being dismissed for 132. Aspinall took four for 21 for match figures of nine for 40. Set to score 196 in two and a half hours, Yorkshire went after the runs from the start and won with ten minutes to spare.

Norman Yardley promoted himself to opening batsman, and his brisk innings of 66 in 70 minutes played an important part in the victory. He hit two sixes and six fours, mostly on the legside.

Match winning bowling by C J Knott, Hampshire's off-spinner, featured an exciting finish at Southampton, where Hampshire beat Nottinghamshire by 36 runs. In a last devastating spell Knott took five wickets in four overs for ten for Hampshire to win with 2 minutes to spare.

Set to get 263 in 216 minutes Notts looked like winning the game when W. Keeton first partnered H. Winrow in a second wicket stand that realised 70, and then helped Joe Hardstaff to add 87 in 80 minutes for the third wicket.

Once Keeton had left at 220 for six, Knott skittled the opposition, taking the last two wickets with successive balls.

A thunderstorm, which broke over the ground just as Surrey had claimed the extra half hour, prevented an interesting finish to the drawn match at Northamptonshire. At that stage Northants required 63 runs for victory with two wickets to fall. Freddie Brown came to the home side's rescue when a batting collapse seemed likely, and the succeeding batsmen followed his example by going for the runs.

Surrey were again indebted to G. Whittaker, who obtained 89 not out.

A heavy storm which ended an hour early in the drawn match between Essex and Kent deprived Arthur Fagg, the Kent opening batsman, of the chance of repeating his performance against Essex last year, when he scored a century in each innings.

Tom Pearce's declaration set Kent the almost impossible task of scoring 324 runs for victory in just over three hours, and not unnaturally the challenge was declined.

Fagg and Leslie Ames batted brightly, though never at a match winning rate, and hit eight fours apiece in an unbroken stand of 119.

Oxford University lost their last five wickets for 34 runs in losing by an innings to Lancashire. The South African batsman, Clive Van Ryneveld, claimed 40 of his side's 147 runs.

Best Performance

Roberts, Lancashire's left arm slow bowler, put up the best performance of his career in obtaining a match analysis of eight for 50. He took four wickets today, keeping an excellent length throughout, and not one of the Oxford batsmen showed a disposition to attack him.

The results of game which ended today were:

At Oxford: Lancashire beat Oxford University by an innings and 108 runs. Lancashire 370 for 7 declared; Oxford 115 and 147 (Roberts 8 for 50).

At Ilford: Essex drew with Kent. Essex 202 and 410 for 5 declared (Vigar 136, Pearce 111 not out); Kent 289 and 122 for one (Fagg 61 not out, Ames 56 not out).

At Southampton: Hampshire beat Nottinghamshire by 36 runs. Hampshire 311 and 248 for 8 declared (Woodhead 5 for 68); Notts 197 and 226 (Keeton 88, Hardstaff 59 Knott 6 for 69).

At Pontypridd: Glamorgan beat Worcestershire by three wickets. Worcestershire 126 and 132 for 9 declared (Muncer 3 for 19); Glamorgan 108 (Perks 6 for 47) and 154 for 7 (E. Davies 54).

At Wells: Yorkshire beat Somerset by three wickets. Somerset 146 and 132 (Aspinall 4 for 21); Yorkshire 83 and 196 for 7 (Yardley 66, Lowson 37).

At Northampton: Northamptonshire drew with Surrey. Surrey 292 and 208 for 9 declared (Whittaker 89 not out, Clarke 6 for 102); Northants 190 and 248 for 8.—Reuter.

Twelve Qualify As Life Guards

Twelve qualified life savers, who passed the examination held at the Laichikok Amusement Park yesterday, will shortly be assigned to guard swimmers at various beaches in the Colony.

The examination was supervised by Dr. J. P. Fehily, Dr. G. H. Shaw, Mr. G. H. Sherriff and Chief Inspector Bower and Detective Sub-Inspector Taylor of the Police.

Lectures were given by Dr. Tsang of the Port Health Office to the life savers two days before the examination. The examination was conducted by F. Loo.

The men were physically and orally examined. The 12 who qualified are:—

Repulse Bay: Cheng Fat-sang, Chan Bit-cheng, Toog Wing, Cheng Man and Tong Kong.

Shek O: Ng Lin-yan.

Stanley: Cheng Hoi-chuen.

Deep Water Bay: Kwok Fook and Li Sang.

Middle Beach: Shiu Kwok-wa.

South Beach: Ip Tien and Lam Hing.

A reception was given by Mr. J. S. Shek, proprietor of the Laichikok Amusement Park, after the examination.

Pearl River Piracies

Canton, May 22.

Two more ships have been attacked by bandits in the Pearl River region according to reports reaching Canton.

The reports stated that two passengers were killed and two gravely injured when bandits fired on the river steamer Yehli in the West River early yesterday morning. The ship returned the fire, increased its speed and escaped.

The Yehli was bound for Wuchow from Canton.

Four bandits were reported to have stopped and boarded the small steamer Kung An in the Sam Shan river about 16 miles South of Canton yesterday morning.

The bandits posed as inspectors. They robbed the passengers and removed some of the cargo. The reports stated that no one was injured. The bandits escaped.—Reuter—AAP.

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KCC Sweep Lawn Bowls Game

Kowloon Cricket Club made a clean sweep in their First Division Lawn Bowls game against Kowloon Docks at Cox's Road yesterday, winning by 22 shots and on all three rinks, the final score being 73-51.

In the only other First Division game played, Kowloon Bowling Green Club, who were guests of the Police Recreation Club at Happy Valley, beat their hosts by 57 shots to 48.

Two games were also played in the Second Division and resulted in victories for Craigengower Cricket Club and Taikoo Recreation Club over Kowloon Bowling Green Club and Hong Kong Football Club respectively.

The biggest win in the Third Division was registered by Kowloon Docks, who beat Police Recreation Club by 42 shots and on all three rinks, the final score reading 80-38.

Thanks to a big win by Ryder's rink against that of Palmer's four, Hong Kong Electric Recreation Club scored three points against two by Kowloon Cricket Club.

In the remaining Third Division game between Kowloon Bowling Green Club and Club de Recreio at Austin Road, KBGC lost by two shots. Each team won on one rink, while another rink finished all square, but KBGC managed to win on aggregate, which gave them two extra points.

FIRST DIVISION
KCC—KDC

Although handicapped by the absence of three of their players, Kowloon Cricket Club made a clean sweep in their First Division Lawn Bowls game against Kowloon Docks, winning by a margin of 22 shots, the final score being 73 shots to 51.

The match was played at Cox's Road; although the home team won on every rink they had to fight hard from the start to the finish. At one time two of the rinks were down, but through clever bowling towards the end, they managed to extricate themselves to win by a narrow margin.

Bowls of a very high standard was witnessed in the game between Jock Orem, making his debut as skip and W. Graham of the Docks. All eight players were in fine fettle and each and every one of them gave an excellent display. It would be difficult to single out any player for special praise, but the greatest credit must go to Fincher for his consistent display.

Orem started the game with a brilliant six in the first head and he kept this lead till the very last wood was rolled. At the end of the seventh head, Orem was leading by 14 shots to two. Thereafter Graham had a good spell and reduced the lead. By the end of the 13th head the score was 15-8. Orem, thanks to some good bowling on the part of Guest and Gray scored three shots on the following head.

A New Rink

Through the absence of Charlie Thompson, Bill Hong Sing and Frank Goodwin, Tommy Madar had a new rink with three second division players. He was drawn against Davidson and put a gallant uphill fight which he won eventually in an exciting finish by five shots, the final score being 24-19.

Davidson's front men played a great game during the first 10 heads and Madar had a tough time trying to cut down the score. Both Capell and Bob Leigh were slow in starting and were beaten by their opponents. However, after 10 heads both of them revealed some of their best touches and gave Madar excellent support. Tommy Lock, who was Madar's right hand man, was consistent without being brilliant while Madar once again revealed his true form. His positional play was uncanny at times. Repeatedly he was called upon to save his team and he would either draw the shot or reduce the count.

Davidson proved himself to be an ideal skip and gave Madar a good fight for his money. Marshallsay, lead for Davidson, was consistently good all through and had the edge over Capell, while the same can be said of Elliott as No. 2 over Leigh.

After seven heads Davidson was leading 11-4 and by the end of the 15th head, Madar had reduced the lead to six shots, the score at this period was 17-11 in favour of Davidson. The next head proved disastrous for Davidson, who allowed Madar to chalk up four shots and a two on the following head to level the score at 17-17.

For the first time during the game, Madar took the lead on the 18th head with a three to lead 20-17. Davidson once again scored two shots to cut down the lead to a single shot, to be down by one, the score was 20-19.

The next head was the deciding one. Leigh drew first shot but it was Tommy Lock who made the position sound for his team when he trailed the jack to lie two, leaving Davidson in a desperate position. Madar scored two shots on the last end to win by 24-19.

Exciting Finish

Ably supported by Hope Kew, Rosselet beat Logan 24-21, after an exciting finish. Scoring a five on the 3rd head, Logan was leading Rosselet by 12-3 at the end of the sixth head. Thereafter Rosselet registered ten shots in the next two heads, a four and six to lead 13-12. Rosselet increased his lead to 21-12 at the end of the 13th head. Logan came back fighting on the next head to register a four and by the end of the 18th head, Rosselet was leading 22-20.

When the last head was being decided, Rosselet was two shots up. Burbeck drew first shot, and Ramsay had second shot. Then Hope Kew drew first shot amidst applause to give Rosselet one shot and the game.

J. V. Ramsay, as lead for Logan, excelled with some of the fine touches which he revealed when he represented the Colony in the Interport before the war.

Rosselet played a sound game, while Kew, in spite of a temperature, proved to be an ideal No. 3.

KCC		KDC	
A.E.P. Guest		W. Riley	
S.A. Gray		W. Gaffney	
E.C. Fincher		W. McCall	
J. Orem (Skip)	25	W. Graham (Skip)	11
R.S. Capell		W. Marshallsay	
R. Leigh		A.E. Elliott	
T. Lock		W.D. McMaster	
T.A. Madar (Skip)	24	W. Davidson (Skip)	19
G. Lee		J.V. Ramsay	
A.W. Ramsay		D. Burbeck	
A.K. Kew		F. Parks	
C.S. Rosselet (Skip)	24	A. Logan (Skip)	21
Total	73	Total	51

PRC—KBGC

Visiting the Police Recreation Club at Happy Valley, Kowloon Bowling Green Club beat the home team in a First Division Lawn Bowls match by 57 shots to 48.

The home team scored a victory on one rink which gave them a point, while the visitors scored four points through two of their rinks winning.

PRC		KBGC	
W. Cameron		J. Tindall	
A. Soutar		A.L.J. Eastman	
C.H. Gough		L.A. Collyer	
J. Bradley (Skip)	15	J. McKelvie (Skip)	22
M. Saul		J. Robertson	
W.M. Smith		L. Gaddi	
J.M. Forrest		J. Fraser	
W. Hillyer (Skip)	20	A.J. Hall (Skip)	13
D. Taylor		A. Atkins	
H. Brown		G.E.F. Thompson	
J. Hayward		W.C. Simpson	
F. Channing (Skip)	13	L. Sykes (Skip)	22
Total	48	Total	57

SECOND DIVISION
CCC—KBGC

Craigengower Cricket Club were at home to Kowloon Cricket Club in a Second Division Lawn Bowls game and won by 10 shots, the final score being 63-53.

CCC won two rinks, and lost on one, thus scoring four points to their opponents one.

CCC		KBGC	
G. Hong Choy		R.J. Wiggington	
C.A. Coelho		P. Hughes	
A.H. Rumjahn		A. Hutton	
A.J. Coelho (Skip)	28	W.H. Bailey (Skip)	14
H. Tay		J.A.E. Pearson	
S.R. Solina		L. Guy	
W.J. Howard		D. Trail	
E.S. Franks (Skip)	16	J. Hempsey (Skip)	21
S.W. Lee		P.A. Plume	
F.K. Modi		J. Crichton	
H.A. Botelho		J. Roberts	
S.H. Murvin (Skip)	19	J.G. Meyer (Skip)	18
Total	63	Total	53

Taikoo—HKFC

Winning on two rinks Taikoo Recreation Club beat Hong Kong Football Club by 68 shots to 45 in a Second Division Lawn Bowls game. The visitors won on only one rink.

Taikoo		HKFC	
T.R. McLean		L. Strange	
F.S. Thompson		E.E. Wallwork	
W.G. McKie		C. Strange	
J.C. Chalmers (Skip)	27	M.N. Rakusen (Skip)	11
R. Marshall		J. Howell	
A. Steven		E. Strange	
J. Baxter		J.A.R. Selby	
J. Kinnibugh (Skip)	12	N.J. Bebbington (Skip)	19
J. Rowan		C. Carr	
J.A. Smith		J.H. O'Grady	
C. Bovaird		B.A. Mansell	
W. Melrose (Skip)	29	B.I. Bickford (Skip)	15
Total	68	Total	45

THIRD DIVISION
KCC—HKERC

In a Third Division Lawn Bowls game, Kowloon Cricket Club went down to Hong Kong Electric Recreation Club at Cox's Road by 76-50.

KCC won on two out of three rinks, but their third rink, skippered by Palmer lost to Ryder's rink by 36 shots, the final score being 43-7. Ryder's rink win gave the visitors three points.

KCC		HKREC	
W. Boyce		J. F. Hedley	
W. Baker		E. Poulton	
R. Barker		V. Bonch	
C. Champolovier (Skip)	22	J. K. Sloan (Skip)	16
A. Graham		J. Bottomley	
F. Howarth		P. Paul	
J. N. Wong		H. McKay	
F. E. Lawrence (Skip)	21	R. Butler (Skip)	17
A. Grimpel		F. A. Golding	
F. Furey		J. O. Stokoe	
A. Sargeant		J. Lunny	
T. Palmer (Skip)	7	G. Ryder (Skip)	43
Total	50	Total	76

KBGC—Recreio

In an exciting Third Division Lawn Bowls game at Austin Road, Kowloon Bowling Green Club beat Club de Recreio by two shots, the final score being 57-55. The home team won on one rink and lost on another while the third finished with 21 shots each.

KBGC		RECREIO	
M. Jallard		A. Pinna	
E. F. S. Baker		E. V. Alves	
R. H. Browne		J. T. Cotton	
H. A. Rose (Skip)	22	M. L. Roza (Skip)	13
A. P. Weir		R. A. Campos	
T. P. Styles		S. E. Souza	
A. Bailey		L. A. Rosario	
L. E. Lammert (Skip)	21	D. C. Alves (Skip)	21
C. W. Greaves		J. Fonseca	
I. Urquhart		H. Remedios	
T. Wren		J. A. Victor	
M. J. Hemsley (Skip)	14	J. J. Basto (Skip)	21
Total	57	Total	55

KDC—PRC

Kowloon Docks recorded the biggest win of the afternoon when they beat Police Recreation Club at Hunghom by 80 shots to 38, winning on all three rinks to make a clean sweep in points.

(Continued on Col. 4)

RESULTS AT A GLANCE

FIRST DIVISION			
KCC (5)	73	KDC (0)	51
PRC (1)	48	KBGC (4)	57
SECOND DIVISION			
CCC (4)	63	KBGC (1)	53
TRC (4)	68	HKFC (1)	45
THIRD DIVISION			
KCC (2)	50	HKERC (3)	76
KDC (5)	80	PRC (0)	38
KBGC (3½)	57	Recreio (1½)	55

Athletic Meet Today

The finals of the 1949 Open Athletic Meet sponsored by the South China Athletic Association will be held at Caroline Hill today, commencing at 11 p.m.

The following is today's programme:—

EVENT

Time
11.00 Men's 100 metres Hurdles.
11.15 Women's 60 metres.
11.30 Men's 100 metres Hurdles.
11.30 Women's Discus.
11.45 Men's 800 metres Hurdles.
12.00 Men's 400 metre Hurdles.
12.10 Women's 100 metres
12.20 Men's Discus.
12.30 Men's Long Jump.
12.30 Women's Javelin.

INTERVAL

2.30 Men's 400 metres Hurdles.
2.40 Women's Long Jump.
2.50 Men's 200 metres Hurdles.
3.10 Men's High Jump.
3.45 Women's Relay 4x400 metres
4.00 Men's Relay 4x400 metres.
4.15 Men's 5000 metres.
4.45 Women's 200 metre.
5.00 Men's Relay 4x400 metres.
5.00 Men's Relay 4x400-mile.

HOCKEY MATCH

India will be represented in the International Hockey match against Portugal, at Sookunpoo at 10.30 a.m. today by the following: Balkan Singh; Man Singh and Mohinder Singh; Darbara Singh, M.H. Hassan and B. Singh; U.S. Dillon, Chelliah; S. Ninoo, Mickey Singh, and J.S. Dillon. Reserve: J.S. Pinto.

CHILEANS WIN AT DOUBLES

Paris, May 20.

In the first round of the doubles of the French International tennis championships, Ricardo Balbiers and Marcello Taverne of Chile defeated Mordecai Apel and Raphael Gornitzky of Israel, 6-1, 6-1, 6-3.—United Press.

(Continued from Col. 3)

KDC		POLICE	
N. A. Clarke		J. Russell	
G. F. Martin		W. Sarnders	
M. McKay		J. Redman	
R. Bailey (Skip)	32	G. Davies (Skip)	14
W. Chambers		T. K. Pilkington	
C. F. Collins		J. Goodman	
A. Campbell		R. McKenzie	
J. R. Leitch (Skip)	20	C. Pope (Skip)	10
E. Cato		K. Bodie	
W. Conway		F. Nolan	
J. McIntyre		H. B. Dewar	
G. Hutchison (Skip)	28	G. Willerton (Skip)	5
Total	80	Total	38

Softball Season Ends Tomorrow

(By "GRANDSTAND")

The curtain falls on another softball season as Gibbs tangle with Stanvac tomorrow at the CBA Park in the Inter-Hong play-off for the San Miguel Shield.

The Shield will be officially presented to the first post-war Hong champions immediately after the decisive scuffle, which has been slated for 11 a.m.

Both teams just managed to nose out Shell, who were strong contenders until they faltered in the home-stretch.

Although Gibbs triumphed over Stanvac in the Opening Game, the Pegasus battery has been considerably strengthened with the addition of Ed Thacker on the slab, while the wicked willow wielding of first-sacker Jack Peters has helped the Oilers slug their way to their present position.

Other fence busters on the Stanvac side are Joltin' Joe White and Sulonen, although there has been a rumour in town that Sulonen may not be able to make this crucial tilt.

The only long ball hitter on the Gibbs roster is Gerry Roza-Pereira who has more busted bats to his credit than any other player as a result of which the 'C-Men strategy will be built around sure-fire hunt artists Rabbit Leung and Avite Campos.

On The Grape-vine

It has also been heard on the grape-vine that George "Strawberry" Souza will be seen in action again after several years' lay-off. Peppery George used to plug up the windy alley for the Saints in their heyday, when they boasted their impregnable million-dollar infield.

The re-shuffled Gibb line-up is as follows: Frankie Correa (Catcher), Alf Malig (Pitcher), S. H. Khan (1st base); Avito Campos (2nd base), George Souza (3rd base), Rabbit Leung (short-stop), Jojo Baptista (left field), Gerry Roza Pereira (centre-field), Bux (right-field).

SEASON'S LAST SOCCER GAME

The last soccer game of the 1948/1949 season will be played this afternoon, when a Rest of the Colony XI meet Combined Chinese in a Grand Charity Match at Sookunpoo, kick-off 6 p.m.

The game, which is being played under the patronage of the Governor, Sir Alexander Grantham, KCMG, is in aid of dependants of those who recently lost their lives on board HM Ships during the Yangtse Shelling.

The Royal Marine Band of HMS London will be in attendance by kind permission of Captain P. G. L. Cazalet, DSO, DSC, Royal Navy.

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A Charity Cup given by a leading firm of the Colony will be presented to the winning team on conclusion of the game.

The following are the teams:—

COMBINED CHINESE

Yue Yiu-fak (SCAA), Hau Yung-sang (SCAA), Cheung Shiu-ling (SCAA), Chang Kam-hei (SCAA), Tse Kam-hung (SCAA), Fung Kwan-ling (KMB), Tang Kwong-sum (Kit Chee), Yiu Cheuk-yin (Kit Chee), Tang Yee-kit (KMB), Chow Man-chi (KMB) and Wong King-chung (Kit Chee).

Reserves:—Cheung Koon-hing (Kit Chee), Fok Yiu-wah (Kit Chee), Tam Chun-fai (KMB), Lo Wai-kuen (Kit Chee), Hung Hing-yuk (KMB), Chan Kam-piu (CAA), Ho Ying-fun (SCAA), Lee Chun-fat (KMB), Ko Po-keung (SCAA), and Lee Tai-fai (KMB).

Capt. Hau Yung-sang.
Team Manager: Mr. Leslie Loney.
Jerseys etc. will be supplied by the Chinese F.A.

THE REST

Lock (SJFC), Rocha (SJFC), Toser (Navy), Weatherall (Army), Craighead (Army), Castilho (SJFC), Xavier (SJFC), Mullen (Club), Higgs (Navy), Kiernan (Club) and Marsden (Army).

Reserves:—Anderson (Army), Soutar (RAF), Hughes (Army), Rowlands (Navy), Wilson (RAF), Santos (SJFC), Weller (Club), West (Army), Studd (RAF), Gomes (SJFC) and Ramskill (Army).

Capt. Toser.
Team Manager: Mr. R.M. Omar.
Jerseys etc. will be supplied by HKFA.

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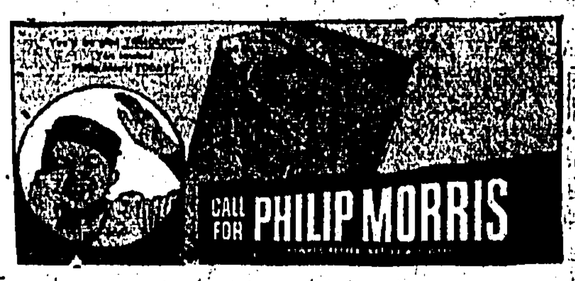

LANTAO HANDICAP WON BY LUCKY JANE

The holder of sweep ticket No. 1608974 in the Lantao Handicap, run at Happy Valley yesterday, was the poorer by six lakhs of dollars when World Peace, Mr. Kenneth Kwok up, reached the winning post three quarters of a length behind Lucky Jane.

Lucky Jane, ridden by Mr. W. K. Shieh, was indeed lucky, for it was not until the home stretch that she caught up with World Peace which had led most of the way. The finish was one of the keenest seen for a long time, with the first and second ponies racing neck to neck.

The first prize, drawn by Lucky Jane, sweep ticket No. 592274, was HK$855,481. The second prize was HK$244,423.

The third prize ticket No. 1057728, drawn by Empress Delight, yielded HK$122,212; while each of the 129 unplaced ponies and non starters drew HK$6,316.

Mr. W.K. Shieh, who rode Golden Dahlia to victory in the 1949 Hong Kong Derby, had two wins and one place to his credit yesterday. In the race after the Lantao Handicap, he rode Golden Dragon past the winning post five lengths ahead of Lana.

Racing at the Valley yesterday was fully up to standard, and was watched by a record crowd of turf fans. Pay-out on the pari mutuel was good, as favourites in seven out of the 10 events disappointed their supporters.

The biggest win dividend was HK$71.60 paid by The Chief, ridden by Colonel H.T. Alexander, in the Junk Bay Handicap (First Section); and the biggest place dividend was HK$57.60, paid by Some Fun in the Clear Water Bay Handicap (First Section).

Pay Day, the second pony in the 5th race, was disqualified for bumping and crossing in the straight.

In this event the winner, Amarant, ridden by Mr. H.R. Holgate, finished the round in one minute 34-4/5th seconds, which was the record set up by Cooper at the 5th extra race meeting on May 7.

Following are the results:

Rocky Bay Stakes

Race 1.—For Australian Ponies of 1949 Class 5, to be ridden by jockeys who have not won 10 races. From the two mile post one round and in (about one mile 171 yards).

1, Atomic Power; 2, Sportsmaster; 3, Harmony; 4, Amazing.

Won by 2½ lengths; two lengths.

Time: 2.01.4.

Pari-Mutuel Win $49.30; Places $15.00, $15.00, $15.00.

BETTING: Amazing, 149 (G.O. Jones), Win 59, Place 79; Atomic Power, 153 (H.W. Mok), 1,681, 1,385; Bitter Sweet, 149 (Chanson Feng), 179, 208; Harmony, 149 (W. Williamson), 1,653, 1,513; Hong Kong Sluice, 159 (W.F.M. Cook), 688, 762; Jasmin, 159 (C.F. Ng), 160, 143; Jennifer, 149 (W.N. Thomas), 6,911, 4,769; Madame Butterfly, 155 (R.A. Castro), 668, 676; Oldshoes, 150 (Lo Kwong-tai), 237, 237; Penforce, 149 (Lai Kai-kim), 41, 76; Silver Spear, 147 (K.C. Wong), 44, 52; Sparkling Eyes, 147 (B.L. Lee), 293, 512; Sportsmaster, 151 (W.A.N. Darkin), 1,069, 1,395; Tigress, 151 (T.L. Tseng), 5,197, 3,545. Total Win 18,970, Place 16,331.

Lantao Handicap

Race 2.—A forced entry for Australian Ponies of 1949 class 4. From the two mile post once round and in (about one mile 171 yards).

1, Lucky Jane; 2, World Peace, 3, Empress Delight; 4, Barbarian.

Won by ¾ length; 2½ lengths.

Time: 1.56.4.

Pari-Mutuel Win $41.70; Places $12.20, $13.32, $10.90.

BETTING: Barbarian, 143 (Wong Yan), Win 472, Place 196; Daylight, 135 (W.N. Thomas), 448, 326; Canadian Potato, 150 (K.S. Shu), 1,655, 1,513; Empress Delight, 144 (V.V. Nicols), 8,298, 3,421; First Alarm, 145 (H.R. Holgate), 2,526, 2,388; Lucky Jane, 144 (W.K. Shieh), 3,124, 2,800; Mastery, 137 (W.F.M. Cook), 423, 370; Nervous Witness, 131 (R.A. Castro), 401, 418; Ringmer, 148 (K.F. Chiu), 4,166, 2,813; Rowanglen, 145 (A. Ostroumoff), 2,507, 3,101; Shun Lee, 146 (H. Maitland), 2,128, 3,021; Top Hat, 142 (Peter Young), 306, 471; United Victory, 154 (H.S. Chang), 353, 437; World Peace, 145 (K. Kwok), 3,080, 2,425. Total Win 29,827, Place 23769.

Deep Bay Handicap

Race 3.—(First Section). For Australian Ponies of previous seasons Class 4. One mile.

1, Golden Dragon; 2, Lana; 3, Anyway; 4, The Stranger.

Won by Five lengths; a neck.

Time: 1.46.1.

Pari-Mutuel Win $16.70; Places $7.00, $7.70, $6.50.

BETTING: Anyway, 150 (E.A. Brodie), Win 7,404, Place 5,317; Boom Town, 142 (K.F. Chiu), 1,874, 1,259; Golden Dragon, 141 (W.K. Shieh), 7,942, 4,124; Golden Wheel, 142 (Peter Young), 486, 619; Lana, 154 (B.W. Lee), 4,575, 3,035; National Congress, 152 (H. Maitland), 4,842, 3,278; The Stranger, 148 (L.S. Miu), 3,796, 2,334. Total Win 30,417, Place 19,966.

Clear Water Bay Handicap

Race 4.—(First Section). For Australian Ponies of previous seasons Class 5. One and a quarter miles.

1, Belle Fontaine; 2, Countess Delight; 3, Some Fun; 4, Jeep Hing.

Won by a length; four lengths.

Time: 2.17.4.

Pari-Mutuel Win $33.30; Places $9.90, $8.00, $57.60.

BETTING: Amigo, 141 (R.A. Castro), Win 440, Place 479; Arabian Moon, 150 (W.A.N. Darkin), 383, 604; Belle Fontaine, 150 (H.R. Holgate), 4,382, 3,564; Brivisto, 148 (A. Ostroumoff), 1,841, 1,358; Care Free, 133 (H.W. Mok), 128, 148; Countess Delight, 140 (C.F. Ng), 11,572, 5,701; Domino, 140 (W.N. Thomas), 191, 246; Fiesta, 152 (C.L. Gregory), 1,528, 1,507; Frosty Light, 149 (J. Pote-Hunt), 2,158, 1,706; Jeep Hing, 147 (H. Maitland), 8,179, 5,690; Some Fun, 138 (H.S. Chang), 431, 329; Trade Wind, 145 (Peter Young), 380, 398; Victorious, 140 (H.T. Alexander), 1,465, 1,155. Total Win 33,034, Place 22,890.

Silver Mine Bay Handicap

Race 5.—For Australian Ponies of 1949 Class 2. Once round (about seven furlongs 45 yards).

1, Amarant; 2, Pay Day; 3, Home Builder; 4, My Love.

Won by three lengths; 2½ lengths.

Time: 1.34.4.

Pari-Mutuel Win $43.50; Places $11.40, $15.00, $9.00.

BETTING: Amarant, 150 (H.R. Holgate), Win 3,464, Place 2,805; Fairy Feet, 152 (L.S. Miu), 478, 602; Florella, 149 (K.F. Chiu), 6,593, 4,208; Gypsy Girl, 136 (W.N. Thomas), 370, 516; Home Builder, 143 (R.A. Castro), 5,027, 3,706; Lady Gloucester, 144 (K. Kwok), 4,224, 2,153; My Love, 134 (J. Pote-Hunt), 7,141, 3,457; Pay Day, 145 (H.P. Chanson), 2,660, 1,865; Shun Fung, 148 (H. Maitland), 4,547, 2,714. Total Win 34,504, Place 21,966.

Junk Bay Handicap

Race 6.—(First Section). For Australian Ponies of previous seasons Class 3. One mile.

1, The Chief; 2, Seafire; 3, Rebel; 4, Desire.

Won by ¾ length; two lengths.

Time: 1.46.1.

Pari-Mutuel Win $71.60; Places $13.30, $9.90, $7.60.

BETTING: Desire, 148 (H. Maitland), Win 1,910, Place 1,125; Good Ship, 136 (K. Kwok), 1,965, 1,761; Heroic Lassie, 146 (J. Pote-Hunt), 6,208, 3,390; Kentucky Moon, 144 (W.F.M. Cook), 716, 801; Masterpiece, 146 (R.A. Castro), 898, 783; Meteorologist, 154 (H.W. Mok), 188, 238; Peggy, 146 (W.K. Shieh), 5,962, 3,262; Rebel, 152 (H.R. Holgate), 9,968, 5,799; Seafire, 155 (B.L. Tao), 4,980, 3,049; The Chief, 147 (H.T. Alexander), 2,144, 1,813; Two Bid, 147 (Wong Yan), 245, 547. Total Win 35,184, Place 22,568.

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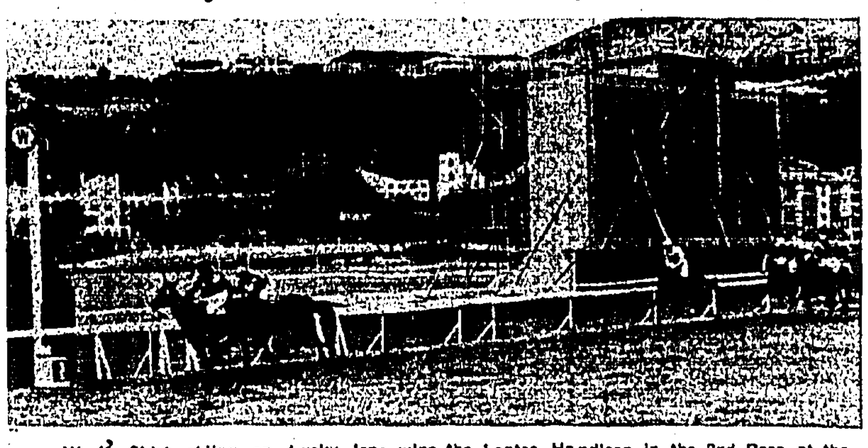
Lucky Jane Really Lucky



W. K. Shieh riding on Lucky Jane wins the Lantao Handicap in the 2nd Race at the Valley yesterday.—("China Mail" photo).

Have You Won?

RACE 1

1st No. 5052 ..... HK$3,365
2nd „ 3507 962
3rd „ 2220 481
Unplaced Ponies (HK$100 each)
Nos. 3862, 192, 140, 2020, 2772, 3504, 4814, 1578, 5126, 3492, 4589.

RACE 2

1st No. 592274 HK$855,481
2nd „ 1608974 244,423
3rd „ 1057728 122,212
Unplaced Ponies and non-starters (HK$6,316 each) Nos. 1491978, 996846, 500424, 898231, 1503279, 750734, 1229509, 597930, 498524, 982755, 1258130, 701612, 684821, 93104, 1096631, 1705171, 234095, 1224069, 1698304, 1278385, 1219747, 103596, 1358337, 718362, 631753, 326264, 1776808, 1516922, 1131358, 1060065, 1004202, 1501758, 653576, 277846, 1053943, 591393, 908201, 1296571, 716316, 579330, 522249, 93906, 774813, 754460, 965448, 1814564, 1126375, 688250, 705581, 662127, 510464, 513299, 11305, 1358542, 402934, 715503, 1066437, 1718052, 1741446, 1821505, 534074, 617966, 1131269, 647025, 227188, 516133, 1059895, 1249187, 1648730, 89044, 1632468, 695871, 1133011, 379088, 1390680, 1058983, 1392484, 981252, 482099, 50143, 364512, 1180846, 39326, 7686, 1301043, 1861933, 809171, 1136747, 1180413, 1882773, 1556957, 316341, 1170576, 619494, 134856, 659773, 585222, 1687672, 952208, 185826, 863960, 1866657, 635062, 342255, 971017, 1523419, 465309, 764768, 963520, 683049, 1831776, 1704906, 584231, 1283206, 1528132, 476977, 1321198, 1634691, 1133371, 936274, 1109594, 1465678, 258427, 74276, 1153425, 1097927, 1239253, 1394675, 654918.

RACE 3

1st No. 5317 ..... HK$4,392
2nd „ 663 1,255
3rd „ 2429 627
Unplaced Ponies (HK$100 each)
Nos. 2746, 4541, 3384, 4310.

RACE 4

1st No. 1842 ..... HK$4,124
2nd „ 4788 1,178
3rd „ 1671 589
Unplaced Ponies (HK$100 each)
Nos. 898, 3948, 5724, 527, 497, 1229, 802, 1773, 4732, 2785.

RACE 5

1st No. 1807 ..... HK$4,554
2nd „ 5661 1,301
3rd „ 2308 651
Unplaced Ponies (HK$100 each)
Nos. 1604, 5322, 2555, 5903, 5177, 5166.

RACE 6

1st No. 6028 ..... HK$4,573
2nd „ 628 1,307
3rd „ 455 653
Unplaced Ponies (HK$100 each)
Nos. 4053, 4917, 2981, 2300, 1830, 5343, 1739, 6539.

RACE 7

1st No. 2564 ..... HK$4,587
2nd „ 5054 1,310
3rd „ 6008 655
Unplaced Ponies (HK$100 each)
Nos. 3354, 3657, 4380, 5591, 4578, 2340, 1076, 4428, 2151.

RACE 8

1st No. 2198 ..... HK$4,908
2nd „ 3786 1,403
3rd „ 3386 701
Unplaced Ponies (HK$100 each)
Nos. 5311, 4569, 5416, 170, 432, 6691, 1234.

RACE 9

1st No. 7091 ..... HK$5,229
2nd „ 656 1,494
3rd „ 2057 747
Unplaced Ponies (HK$100 each)
Nos. 3974, 5886, 2122, 5933, 4056.

RACE 10

1st No. 21197 ... HK$28,793
2nd „ 44554 ... 8,226
3rd „ 42391 ... 4,113
Unplaced Ponies (HK$1,000 each) Nos. 13611, 8735, 25791, 447, 6167, 2659, 3296, 41787, 36132, 8603, 48203.

Tytam Bay Handicap

Race 7.—For Australian Ponies of 1949 Class 3. Six furlongs.

1, Pegasus; 2, Maniac; 3, Sparkling Star; 4, Popularity.

Won by a neck; ¾ length.

Time: 1.17.4.

Pari-Mutuel Win $15.70; Places $7.60, $10.20, $10.60.

BETTING: Foyle, 150 (A. Ostroumoff), Win 12,278, Place 7,549; Liberty Ship, 159 (K. Kwok), 956, 638; Lucky Starter, 142 (K.S. Shu), 710, 575; Maniac, 147 (W.K. Shieh), 4,912, 3,196; Oakland Bridge, 159 (H.R. Holgate), 1,177, 831; Pegasus, 144 (H.T. Alexander), 10,162, 6,282; Popularity, 135 (W.N. Thomas), 153, 154; Probability, 149 (K.F. Chiu), 1,409, 1,296; Rose d'or, 144 (W.A.N. (Darkin), 146, 245; South East Wind, 145 (J. Pote-Hunt), 2,005, 1,299; Sparkling Star, 145 (Peter Young), 2,144, 1,424; V.I.P., 156 (W. Williamson), 363, 270. Total Win 36,510, Place 23,684.

Junk Bay Handicap

Race 8.—(Second Section). For Australian Ponies of previous seasons Class 3. One mile.

1, Bootsie; 2, Minx; 3, Lili Marlene; 4, Crown Witness.

Won by ¾ length; 1½ lengths.

Time: 1.44.2.

Pari-Mutuel Win $51.10; Places $11.40, $7.80, $15.30.

BETTING: Bootsie, 156 (K. Kwok), Win 2,924, Place 2,441; Chief Pilot, 154 (H.S. Chang), 4489, 2,558; Crown Witness, 147 (K.F. Chiu), 4,651, 2,593; Happy Valley, 159 (H. Maitland), 486, 496; King of Peace, 159 (Y.K. Tu), 521, 457; Lili Marlene, 152 (Peter Young), 4,569, 1,519; Minx, 142 (A. Ostroumoff), 9,066, 5,604; Noonday Sun, 154 (C.L. Gregory), 2,787, 2,468; Pearl Diver, 159 (B.L. Tao), 2,850, 2,027; Sunlight, 159 (J. Pote-Hunt), 871, 414. Total Win 54,326, Place 21,678.

Deep Bay Handicap

Race 9.—(Second Section). For Australian Ponies of previous seasons Class 4. One mile.

1, Big Shot; 2, Thunderbolt; 3, Prince Delight; 4, The Dingo.

Won by three lengths; 1½ lengths.

Time: 1.47.3.

Pari-Mutuel Win $17.60; Places $8.10, $13.80, $7.60.

BETTING: Big Shot, 147 (B.W. Lee), Win 9,064, Place 6,427; Flying Jib, 159 (W.F.M. Cook), 5,439, 2,799; Justice of Peace, 144 (L.S. Miu), 1,572, 1,123; Liberation Star, 159 (Peter Young), 888, 559; Prince Delight, 149 (J. Pote-Hunt), 9,696, 4,320; Red Fox, 159 (H.T. Alexander), 595, 712; The Dingo, 149 (K. Kwok), 9,892, 4,744; Thunderbolt, 150 (Y.K. Tu), 1,656, 1,351. Total Win 37,037, Place 19,147.

Clear Water Bay Handicap

Race 10.—(Second Section). For Australian Ponies of previous seasons Class 5. One and a quarter miles.

1, Empress of Peace; 2, Chief Witness; 3, Possibility; 4, Tootsie.

Won by six lengths; a head.

Time: 2.16.4.

Pari-Mutuel Win $31.70; Places $10.80, $6.80, $8.70.

BETTING: Argus, 147 (L.S. Miu), Win 959, Place 569; Battlefield, 148 (K.S. Shu), 1,419, 874; Canary, 144 (W.A.N. Darkin), 245, 218; Chief Witness, 151 (B.L. Tao), 7,029, 4,189; Colonia, 150 (A. Ostroumoff), 1,546, 1,226; Desert Knight, 159 (W. Williamson), 1,849, 777; Empress of Peace, 140 (K. Kwok), 3,907, 2,741; Hot Pollo, 156 (B.W. Lee), 1,510, 438; Marigold, 152 (H.S. Chang), 2,751, 2,179; National Gift, 146 (W.K. Shieh), 4,171, 2,184; Possibility, 161 (K.F. Chiu), 8,778, 4,548; Priority, 137 (W.N. Thomas), 779, 849; Tootsie, 150 (H. Maitland), 1,652, 1,169; Toowoomba Boy, 154 (H.R. Holgate), 3,413, 2,195. Total Win 43,864, Place 21,678.

Today's Sport

SOCCER

Grand Charity Match
Rest of Colony v Combined Chinese at Sookunpoo, kick-off 6 p.m.

ATHLETIC MEET

1949 Open Athletic Meet Finals at Caroline Hill, 11 a.m.

HOCKEY

International Tournament Finals: Portugal v India at Sookunpoo, 10.30 a.m.

LAWN BOWLS

First Division — Craigengower Cricket Club v Recreio "A" at Happy Valley.

SOFTBALL

Inter-Hong Final: Stanvac v Gibb's at CPA Park, Kowloon, 11 a.m.

CAMBRIDGE ALL OUT FOR 284

Cambridge, May 20.

Although they provided the New Zealanders with an innings and 50 runs victory—their third in five matches—Cambridge University battled much better in their second innings than in the first.

The tourists had only three quarters of an hour to spare when the match ended with the University all out for 284.

Another fine innings by G.H. Doggart, whose 62 took his season's aggregate to 517, held up the tourists for a long time before lunch.

Even more satisfactory to Cambridge was the way in which the captain, D.J. Insole, found his form.

With sound and forceful strokes all round the wicket, he more than doubled his previous highest score, 30, this summer.

Morris and Doggart stayed together for the first 76 minutes and after a middle of the innings collapse against Cresswell and Rabone, a ninth wicket stand of 55 between Insole and Pryer delayed the end for a further 65 minutes.

Rabone caused much trouble with his right arm slows, which brought him five wickets in 18 overs for just five runs each. At Hadlee's request, Rabone concentrated chiefly on leg breaks and googlies, instead of his normal offbreaks, and he showed considerable ability in the arts of flighting and change of pace.

The final scoreboard read:

NEW ZEALAND: 1st innings 441 for five declared.

CAMBRIDGE: 1st innings 107.

2nd innings:

Morris, c Reid, b Rabone ...	56
Dewes, b Hayes	32
Doggart, lbw, b Cresswell ..	62
Coles, c Burtt, b Cresswell ..	12
Rimell, c Donnelly, b Hayes	3
Insole, not out	79
Hawkey, b Rabone	13
Stevenson, lbw b Rabone ...	0
Popplewell, b Rabone	8
Pryer, Sutcliffe, b Burke ..	8
Warr, b Rabone	0
Extras	16
Total	284

	O	M	R	W
Hayes	27	5	77	2
Cresswell	17	4	42	2
Burtt	24	9	50	0
Burke	31	10	50	1
Sutcliffe	9	3	18	0
Rabone	18	6	25	5

—Reuter.

BUSMEN WIN AT CHARITY MATCH

Displaying all-round superiority, Kowloon Motor Bus beat Chinese Athletic by three goals to one in the Charity Soccer match at Boundary Street yesterday.

In a curtain raiser, Prison Officers went down to the Police 1st XI by three goals to one. The Prison Officers put up a surprisingly good display and enjoyed as much of the play as their more doughty opponents.

There was a fairly large attenance at Boundary Street to see the games, which were played in aid of dependants of the four Police Officers who were recently killed while in the performance of their duty.

Before the kick-off, two minutes' silence was observed as a mark of respect for the dead Police Officers.

Although Kowloon Motor Bus were not at full strength, their representatives gave an exceedingly fine performance and fully deserved their victory.

Suen Po-on, the KMB goalkeeper, played with confidence and dealt capably with all shots which came in his direction.

Mak Shiu-hon and Tam Chun-fai, the two full backs, were sound in their tackling and rarely gave the opposing forwards any opportunity to shoot.

Intermediate Line

In the intermediate line, the busmen were well served by Tang Sum, Hung Hing-yuk and Mak Lam-fook, who more than held their own against the Athletic attack.

The KMB forward line, ably led by Tang Yee-kit, led the Athletic defence in a merry dance. One of the most outstanding players in the KMB attack was Tsang Ming-chuen, a reserve, whose display not only justified his inclusion in the team, but also augurs well for the future. He showed a fine turn of speed and his centres, which were well nigh perfect, contributed much towards the success of the busmen.

Athletic did not play true to form and disappointed their supporters badly. For a greater part of the game, they were outplayed by their more speedy opponents.

Yu Kai-yan, who played in goal, never seemed sure of himself and was extremely weak when it came to dealing with ground shots.

Of the two backs, Lui Shu-ping was the more impressive and was repeatedly in the picture as he broke up dangerous thrusts by the KMB forwards.

The Athletic were definitely weak in the half-back line, where So Sau-ming was a poor substitute for Mow Cheung-wing.

In attack the Athletic were also very weak. Except for occasional breakaways, they seldom caught the eye. Lo Wan-sing, Ho Yau-ki and Chan Hing-chuen worked hard to penetrate the KMB defence, but their efforts were disjointed and failed to make any impression on the rock-like defence of the busmen.

Little Support

In justice to the Athletic forwards, however, it must be said that they received but little support from their intermediate line.

Athletic pressed from the start and forced a fruitless corner. Ho Yau-ki came near with a fast drive, but Suen Po-on was on the mark and saved without much difficulty.

Following an attack by the KMB forwards, the Athletic returned the ball to the other end of the field and in the seventh minute they drew first blood when Lo Wah-sing netted with a brilliant cross shot which gave Suen Po-on no chance.

This reverse put the busmen on their mettle and three minutes later they obtained the equaliser when Tsang Ming-chuen, after gathering the ball midfield, raced down the right side of the field and then worked his way to the centre. As he was being tackled just outside the penalty area, he sent in a fast rising shot to the top of the net with Yu Kai-yan beaten all the way.

KMB continued to dominate the exchanges and the Athletic goal had a narrow escape when, in the course of a raid, Lui Shu-ping almost placed the ball into his own net, the sphere striking the crossbar before going over for a fruitless corner.

There was no further scoring before the interval, although both sides had their chances.

Crossing over with the score at one all, the busmen immediately assumed the offensive and subjected the Athletic goal to a continual bombardment.

Their forwards did everything but put the ball into the net.

A Penalty

A penalty was awarded in favour of the busmen for an infringement by one of the Athletic defenders. Li Chun-fat, who was entrusted with the spot kick, placed the ball wide of the mark, apparently disdaining the idea of a cheap goal.

KMB more or less overran the Athletic, who were forced to defend desperately.

Against the repeated onslaughts, the Athletic defence eventually crumbled and Tang Yee-kit gave his side the lead with a well placed shot following a neat bout of passing between Li Chun-fat and Tsang Ming-chuen.

Except for sporadic attempts to break through the KMB defence, the Athletic were kept in their own end of the field for the remainder of the game.

Shortly before the end, an accurately placed centre by Tsang Ming-chuen was connected by Tang Yee-kit, who headed it into the left hand corner of the net well out of the reach of Yu Kai-yan.

KMB: Suen Po-on, Mak Shiu-hon, Tam Chun-fai, Tang Sum, Hung Hing-yuk, Mak Lam-fook, Tsang Ming-chuen, Li Chun-fat, Tang Yee-kit, Tam Woon-choung and Chung King-sang.

CAA: Yu Kai-yan, Li Ping-nam, Lui Shu-ping, Chan Kam-pui, So Sau-ming, Leung Ping-shun, Kwok Chouk-cheong, Ho Yau-ki, Lo Wah-sing, Fong Yan-yun and Chan Hing-chuen.

Police—Prison Officers

This game, which was played as a curtain raiser to the Kowloon Motor Bus—Chinese Athletic encounter, provided spectators with plenty of interesting football.

It was expected that the Police, who fielded their 1st XI, would swamp the Prison Officers, but to the amazement of spectators, the men from Stanley put up a great fight and forced their opponents to fight hard for goals.

In spite of the heat, the game was played at a fast pace from start to finish.

Police took the lead midway through the first half, when Tam Yung-kan netted from close range following a clever back-heel pass by Gordon.

Prison Officers started off strongly on resumption and were justly rewarded when Tsui Yuen-shing succeeded in eluding the Police defence to go through and beat Fung Kai-ming with a fast shot.

A ding-doing struggle ensued and Lomas, who played between the sticks for Prison Officers, was repeatedly applauded for his brilliant saves.

Before the final whistle, however, Police scored twice through Yuen Yiu-lam (1) and Chan On-yin (1).

Police: Fung Kai-ming, Fung Pak-chan, Ho Sing, Collaco, Howlett, Lau Wing-kwong, Ng Yu-wai, Chan On-yin, Gordon, Yuen Yiu-lam and Tam Yung-kan.

Prison Officers: Lomas, Allen, McGilloway, McNider, A. G. Santos, Serulera, Tsui Yuen-shing, Lambell, Bond and A. M. Santos.

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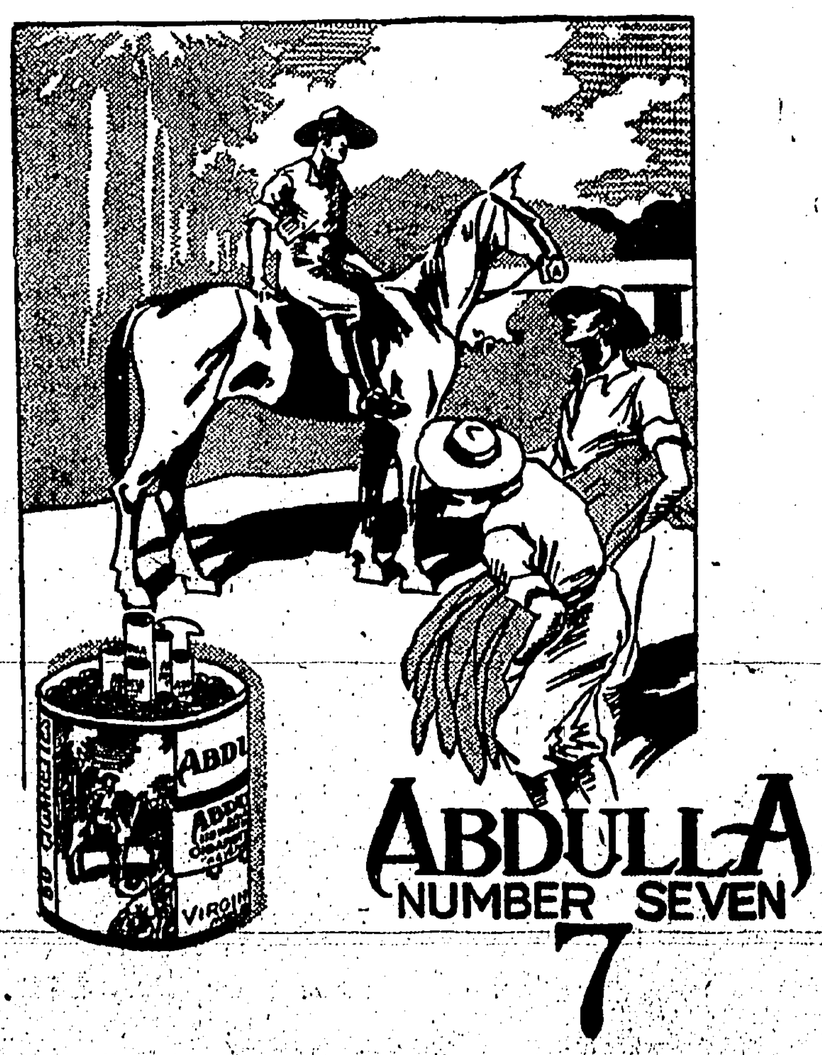

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